NBI medico-legal chief in extortion case relieved

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Upset stomach does not upset GMA's sked

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CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—An upset stomach did not stop President Macapagal from sticking to her schedule during her

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'Peace talks need MILF chief'

GMA wants Salamat for agreements to be valid

By Edwin O. Fernandez and Rosa-May V. de Guzman
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COTABATO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo wants Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim to head the MILF panel in the possible resumption of the peace process, a ranking Palace official said yesterday.

Renato de Villa, the President's adviser on strategic concerns, told reporters that the reason Ms Macapagal wants Salamat to serve as chief MILF negotiator is to ensure that all agreements forged would be binding.

But MILF political affairs chief Ghazali Jaafar said there was no need for Salamat to head the panel because military chief Murad Ebrahim had "blanket authority from [Salamat] and from the Central Committee."

"Any agreement entered into by Brother Murad and his panel will be binding to Salamat and to the MILF," Jaafar said.

De Villa, however, said it was important for the President to get the MILF chair talking with government representatives. He said Ms Macapagal had cited the case of the Moro National Liberation Front, whose chair Nur Misuari headed the MNLF peace panel and eventually signed a peace agreement with the government.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, whose province has been ravaged by hostilities between the government and the rebel group, agreed that Salamat should serve as MILF chief negotiator.

"The previous agreements forged by the MILF with the government have been toothless. Having Salamat as chief panelist is something we can rely on," Piñol said.

Asked how Salamat could lead the MILF panel given the number of arrest warrants issued against him, De Villa said: "That can be agreed upon."

Salamat, Murad, Jaafar, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu and MILF vice chair for internal affairs Aleem Mimbantas face charges of multiple murder and frustrated multiple murder in conection with the Davao bombings in March and April.

But De Villa made it clear that the government would not drop the charges against the elusive Salamat.

"The warrants of arrest will remain because these are actions of our judicial branch, over which the executive has no authority or power," he said.

He said the warrants could only be recalled or suspended if the courts issuing these say so.

Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza said back-channel negotiations had started even as the government was waiting for the

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ERIK ARAZAS

HOMECOMING is a treasured time in the life of Sen. Rene Cayetano, shown here with his sons (from left) Muntinlupa Councilor Rene Carl, Representative Alan and the youngest, Lino, who gave 60 percent of his liver so his father may have a second lease on life.

Rene Cayetano begets a brave family

By Volt Contreras

TEARS come easily now to Sen. Renato Cayetano, the man blessed with a second chance.

On top of the physical pain that attended his recent liver transplant, recounting his emotional and spiritual journey proved too much for the senator that, for the first time in all the years that he had granted media interviews, he wept.

"Compañero Rene," 68, now marks two pivotal moments in his life: as a father of a brave family and as a son of a renewed Christian faith. By his account, both events were soul-wrenching.

Speaking with the INQUIRER Friday at his Ayala Alabang home, he retraced the eight months that he and his family spent in the United States for his treatment.

He said he "cried the whole day" on learning that his organ donor was his own Lino, at 25 the youngest of his four children with his American-born wife Sandra.

That Lino was to give up "60 percent" of his liver was initially kept secret from the recipient. Cayetano was only told about it two days after the Feb. 5 surgery at the University of Southern California hospital.

The senator returned to Manila two weeks ago. To this day, he still feels strongly against having his own son as the donor.

RENE/ A18

Bacani accuser seeks justice

By Tina Santos

THE WOMAN who has accused Bishop Teodoro Bacani of sexual harassment is pleading for "respect and understanding" from those who seek to malign her.

"I've already said my piece to the Church leaders. I entrust everything to them," she said in a letter addressed "to all concerned," a copy of which was sent by her counselor to the INQUIRER.

The woman, who once served as Bacani's secretary, said that she had desisted from making a public statement on her experience, and that she was seeking the media's "patience and understanding."

"I have been and I am still going through a very difficult process in my quest for justice," she said in the letter written in Filipino and dated June 13.

The counselor, a psycho-therapist who specializes in problems dealing with the religious and who asked not to be named, said the woman's decision to make the letter public was "part of her healing process."

"It's part of her therapy to express her thoughts and feelings," which have been aggravated by the comments and speculations in the media, the counselor said, adding:

"She reads everything published daily about her—the ugly and negative descriptions of her and the supposed motivation for her accusation. She has been unfairly projected by the media. She's only calling for sobriety."

BACANI / A20

Fr. Joe D: Doing doubly well as father

CERES DOYO

CATHOLIC priest Joe Dizon gives adopted son John-John the love with which to grow in wisdom, in grace.

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

HE has kept his boy's swaddling clothes. He has kept in his heart the memory of the first time he looked into the glazed and bulging eyes, when he held in his arms the little creature with the bloated tummy and scrawny limbs. A handful of skin and bones. And he was dying.

Catholic priest Father Jose Dizon, known to political activists as Father Joe D., is father to John-John, now eight years old, who means the world to his priest-father. Make that adoptive father, but father no less, who nurtured him from infancy and treats him like his own.

Father Joe nursed John-John, changed his diapers, bathed and clothed him, rocked him to sleep since he was an infant. Now the priest even cooks meals for him when the time allows, sends him to school, looks after his needs and spends quality time with him like a good, responsible father would, even while living out his priestly vocation.

But most of all, he teaches John-John independence. Father Joe has earned the title "Father" doubly well. John-John calls him that.

"I was then the pastor of the Holy Rosary Parish in Rosario, Cavite," Father Joe recalls. "Two women came with a baby. They were leaving him to me. One of them was a parishioner, the other one, I learned much later, was the birth mother."

FR. JOE/ A18

MOTHER NATURE; NURTURING FATHER
The times shared with dad is one for the memory bank.

JOAN BONDOC

Dreamer, 55, goes to school to be a teacher

By Anselmo Roque
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SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Many times, she confided, she saw herself in her dreams wearing a school uniform, with a bag of books and other school materials, going up the stairs of a big college. But almost always, she would also see that the last two steps of the school's stairs were broken.

She felt life was so cruel that even in her dreams she was being denied the opportunity to finish college.

Although already 55, Iluminada Mangalos is now pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher.

Through a college scholarship program of the local government, this mother of six and wife to a physically disabled farmer decided to go back to school three years ago. She is now a fourth-year Elementary Education student at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and is expected to graduate next April.

Because of her age, her classmates, and even some of her teachers, call her "Manang," an Ilocano word connoting respect for an older woman.

Mangalos says school work is "difficult and full of problems."

"But I enjoy it," she said.

She studies her lessons after doing household chores and on her way to school. Her jeepney ride from Talavera town, where she lives, to CLSU takes about an hour.

When she goes home after classes, which end at 8:30 p.m., she still has to prepare her family's dinner.

Mangalos also has to ask for money from her siblings and other rela-

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Samar provinces and Bicol region will experience stormy weather and the coastal waters over these areas will be rough to very rough. The rest of southern Luzon and northern Visayas will have rains and occasional gusty winds.

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Gloria bares $308M 'booty' for Mindanao

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

WALKING the talk, President Macapagal-Arroyo vowed to back her pro-Mindanao rhetoric with hundreds of millions of dollars in assistance from the United States, Japan, South Korea and Kuwait.

In her weekly radio message yesterday, the President spoke of some $308 million obtained from her state visits to Washington, Seoul and Tokyo, the bulk of which she said would be used for infrastructure projects and the peace process in Mindanao.

Ms Macapagal said two-thirds, or $64 million, of the $96-million development assistance she secured from the US would be spent on the poorest families and children in areas of conflict.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), she said, would pour $74 million more into its various projects in Mindanao, on top of a $50-million assistance for the government's peace process with Muslim rebels.

She said Japan gave $20 million for projects of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, and that the bulk of a $100-million assistance from South Korea would go to the construction of the Lagindingan Airport in Northern Mindanao.

The $20-million fund from Kuwait, she said, would be used to build a major road in Sultan Gumander, Lanao del Sur, the groundbreaking for which was held yesterday, and three other infrastructure projects.

NBI sacks official in extort try

By Luige del Puerto

CAUGHT in the act—and he's out.

Dr. Maximo Reyes was sacked yesterday from his post as head of the National Bureau of Investigation's Medico-Legal Unit.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco made the announcement two days after Reyes was caught receiving P200,000 in extortion money from a Dr. Lenet Chan of Carmen, Pangasinan inside his office at NBI headquarters in Manila.

"He has been relieved of his command. This is the logical consequence of (that) incident," Wycoco told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Reyes was earlier reported to be in NBI custody, but Wycoco did not say where the doctor was being held.

The NBI chief said graft and corruption charges would be filed in the next few days against Reyes who, he noted, had not denied the accusations.

Right now, Wycoco said, his office was in the process of collating evidence, and that some of the vital documents were still with the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) team.

Reyes' arrest had cast doubts on the NBI's credibility, Wycoco admitted. "This will have some negative effect," he said. "But overall, this shows we can cleanse our own ranks."

The case proved that the agency acted upon the complaints of private citizens, even if the suspects were top-ranking NBI officials, Wycoco pointed out. As long as there was evidence, he vowed, a complaint would be acted upon.

In the end, he said, the incident might enhance the agency's image instead.

Reyes is the first top-ranking NBI official to get the axe under Wycoco's watch.

Wycoco recounted that NBI-Pangasinan was investigating Chan over reports of medical malpractice. Chan had reportedly conducted a caesarian operation early last month, during which the patient died.

According to Wycoco, the provincial medico-legal unit assured Chan that the autopsy could be "fixed" for a fee. The offer came from Reyes himself, Wycoco added.

Gen. Victor Corpus of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) had phoned him last week to "ask for help," Wycoco recalled. It turned out that Chan had a cousin in ISAFP.

After that call, Wycoco said, he directed NBI Assistant Director Mariano Panganiban, head of the Special Task Force, to talk to Chan and discuss an entrapment operation.

The entrapment time and place were changed several times, Wycoco confirmed, before the parties finally agreed to have the payoff at the NBI headquarters.

After his arrest Reyes was subjected to "powder tests" in which he tested positive, Wycoco said.

The NBI chief clarified that Pacer and ISAFP did not participate in the entrapment operation.

Reyes is known to colleagues as "a rich man."

"The P200,000 that he allegedly received is too small for him to take such a big risk," according to a medico-legal laboratory technician who requested anonymity. "I don't think he would sell his soul for that."

The technician, who has been with the NBI for more than 20 years, said he knew for a fact that Reyes owned several lands and apartment buildings. Moreover, he said, Reyes was retiring in 2006, after 25 years with the agency.

"He is a good boss," the technician added. "He comes early in the morning and is quick in making reports. He does not like having backlog."

Ombudsman tightens screws on grafters

By Armand N. Nocum

CORRUPT officials, be really afraid now.

Not only is the Office of the Ombudsman tightening its "entrapment procedure" as an immediate deterrent to pervasive graft; it has also announced the start of a more extensive "lifestyle probe" of government men suspected of living beyond their means.

In a "working paper" for the expanded probe, the anti-graft body said even such details as the number of housemaids would now be factored in to determine whether an official's lifestyle is "extravagant."

"We are currently installing a mechanism to strengthen our entrapment procedure against those perceived to be engaged in corruption," Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio, head of the Ombudsman's Special Prosecutor's Office (SPO) told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

His comment was precipitated by the arrest on Friday of two National Bureau of Investigation officials who allegedly extorted P200,000 from a female physician.

Earlier, the SPO head said his office was working on raising the conviction rate from six percent in the past to 50 percent under the tenure of present Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo.

Villa-Ignacio said that on Marcelo's orders, the special prosecutors were currently conducting a "physical inventory" of unresolved cases.

Among others, he revealed, they were "closely watching" the motor vehicle scam at the Department of Public Works and Highways, reviewing documents and vouchers relating to 700 transactions.

Meanwhile, Villa-Ignacio said, the widened lifestyle check would involve closer scrutiny of government officials' statements of assets and liabilities (SAL), personal data sheets, income tax returns and travel documents.

The working paper specified "determination of the actual number and frequency of travels abroad, ownership of real personal properties, shopping sprees, gambling binges at casinos, membership in golf and country clubs, number of housemaids, schools where kids are enrolled, and the like."

As soon as he assumed office last year, Marcelo cited an Asian Development Bank study showing that in the past 25 years, P1.2 trillion had gone to the pockets of corrupt public officials and employees.

In a forum last November, he quoted a World Bank estimate: "At least 20 percent of the annual budget goes to corruption."

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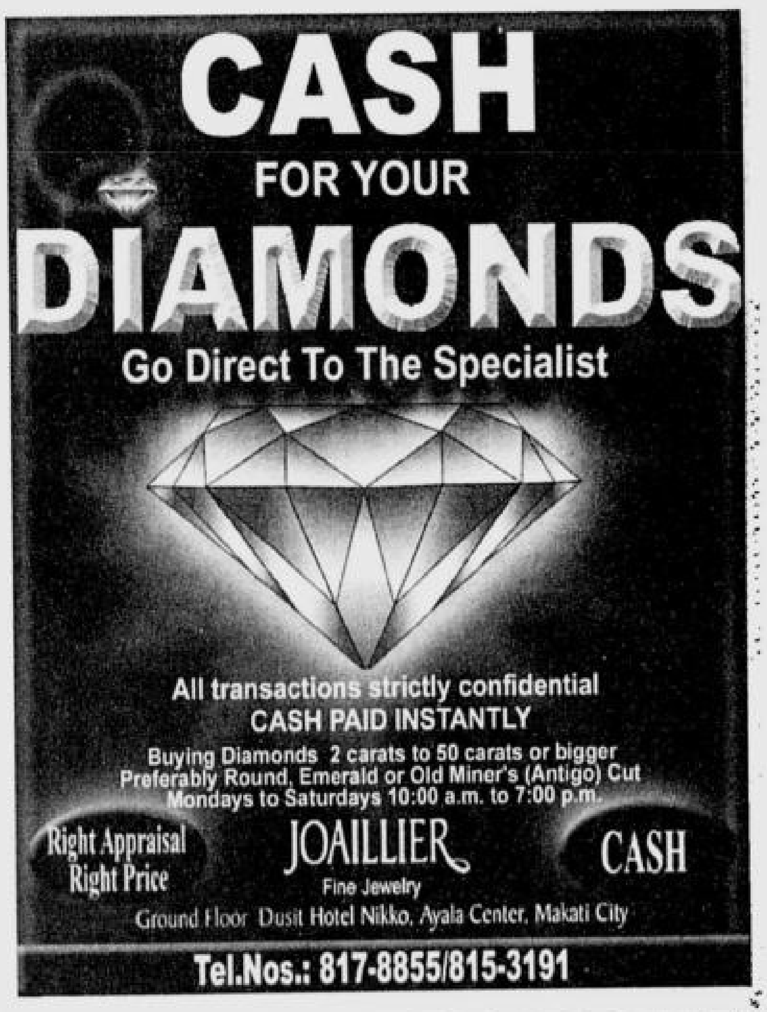

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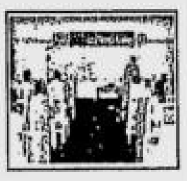

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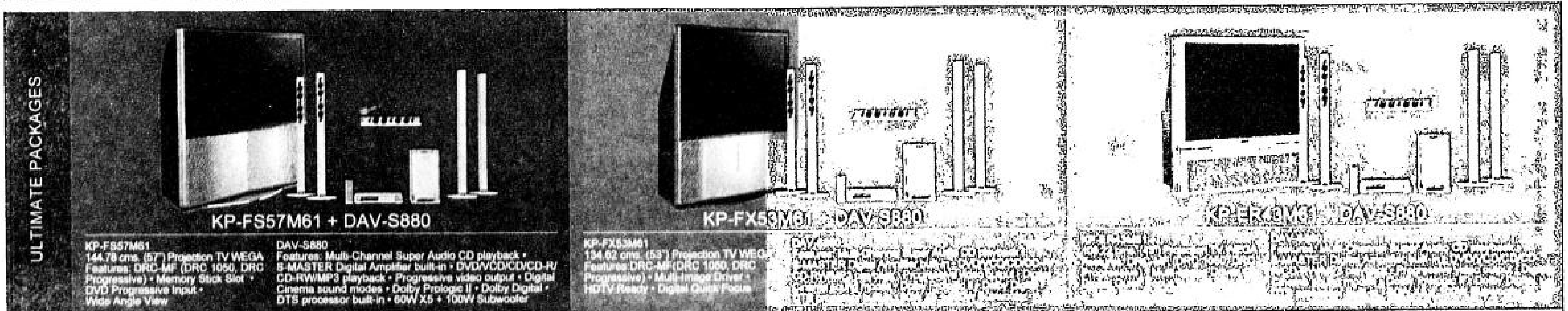

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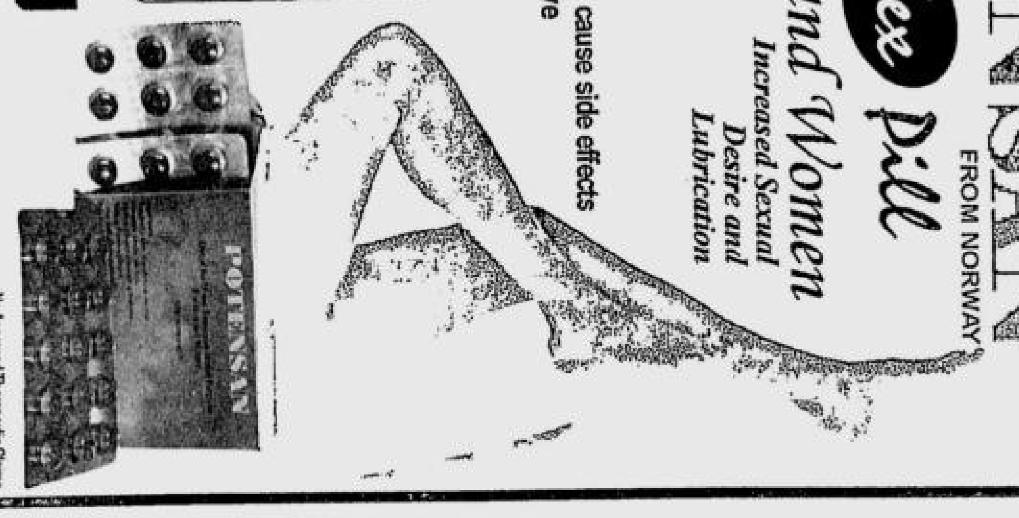

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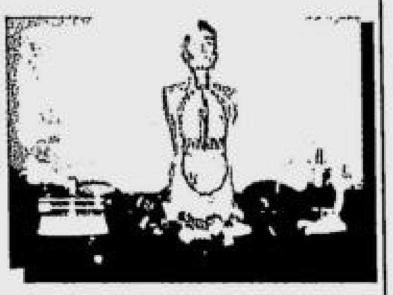

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'Egay' to dump more rain on Luzon, Visayas

TROPICAL storm "Egay" will continue to dump rain mainly in the eastern part of Luzon and the Visayas today and is not expected to leave Philippine territory until Tuesday, the weather bureau said yesterday.

As of last night, typhoon signal no. 2 remained in effect over the Samar provinces and parts of the Bicol region, mainly Catanduanes, Sorsogon, Albay, Camarines Norte and Sur, and Polillo Island.

Signal No. 1 was declared over Quirino, Isabela, Aurora, Quezon, Masbate, Burias Island, Romblon, Dinagat Island, the Leyte provinces, Marinduque and northern Cebu.

As of 4 p.m. yesterday, Egay (international name Soudelor) was spotted 130 km east northeast of Borongan, Eastern Samar, with maximum sustained winds of 85 kph and gustiness of 100 kph. It was moving north northwest at 19 kph.

This afternoon, Egay's center is expected to be 140 km north-northwest of Virac, Catanduanes, according to Joey Almasan of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

Disaster councils

The Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC) in Eastern Visayas directed its counterparts in the provincial and municipal levels to activate their disaster coordinating councils as Egay entered the region yesterday morning.

Alfredo Fuego, RDCC executive officer and regional director of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD-8), said disaster coordinating councils have to be ready for flooding that could occur in areas where the tropical storm was expected to hit, especially in the Samar provinces.

RDCC-8 has also placed on stand by six trucks to respond to disaster calls.

Vicente Dadale, Pagasa weather specialist in Region VIII, said all three Samar provinces will have stormy weather and it would be dangerous for all types of sea craft to venture out to sea.

Leyte and northern Cebu will experience rains and winds of not more than 60 kilometers per hour, he said.

Dadale said Egay will be 130 km north of Catarman, Northern Samar or 50 km east northeast of Virac, Catanduanes and 220 km north northeast of Infanta, Quezon by this morning.

As of yesterday, Egay was moving toward the Samar-Bicol area at 10 a.m. with the tropical center estimated at 190 km east of Borongan, Eastern Samar with coordinates of 11.6 degrees north and 127.1 degree east. *With Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

DOJ summons officers tagged in activists' deaths

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has summoned an Army general and two other officers to get to the bottom of the killing of two human rights activists in Oriental Mindoro last April.

Undersecretary Jose Calida said he has ordered the National Bureau of Investigation to subpoena Brig. Gen. Jovito Palparan, Col. Juanito Gomez and M/Sgt. Donald Caigas to appear at a public hearing at the DOJ tomorrow.

Calida heads Task Force Mindoro, which is investigating the killing of human rights activists Eden Marcellana and Eddie Gumanoy on April 21.

The three military officers who were summoned belonged to the 204th Infantry Brigade in Mindoro, the unit militant associates of the victims had blamed for their deaths.

Calida said Caigas will soon be indicted for the murders after four witnesses positively identified him as one of those who had abducted Gumanoy and Marcellana.

"We want to know who gave him the order to do that, who gave the specific order," Calida said.

Caigas was the 204th's intelligence officer; Palaparan was commander of the brigade during the killings, after which he was replaced by Gomez.

President Macapagal-Arroyo had promoted Palparan to brigadier general but he has not gotten his confirmation from the Commission on Appointments.

Calida ordered the three military officers summoned, even as he and his family continued to receive death threats in connection with the investigation.

Threats stop

Calida said he received threats over his cell phone early this week, but they stopped after he revealed the threats to the media.

"*Ipro*-project *daw ako*. I don't know what project they are talking about but I'm taking this seriously. I have taken the necessary precautions just in case," he said.

Calida had earlier complained that Task Force Mindoro was not getting enough cooperation from military officials.

He also noted that a day after task force members arrested Caigas in Fort Bonifacio last week, the Philippine Army recalled and disarmed a soldier assigned to him (Calida) as security.

Calida said the Army's chief of staff also complained about the arrest of Caigas right inside Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio. The officer allegedly felt that the Army had been "insulted."

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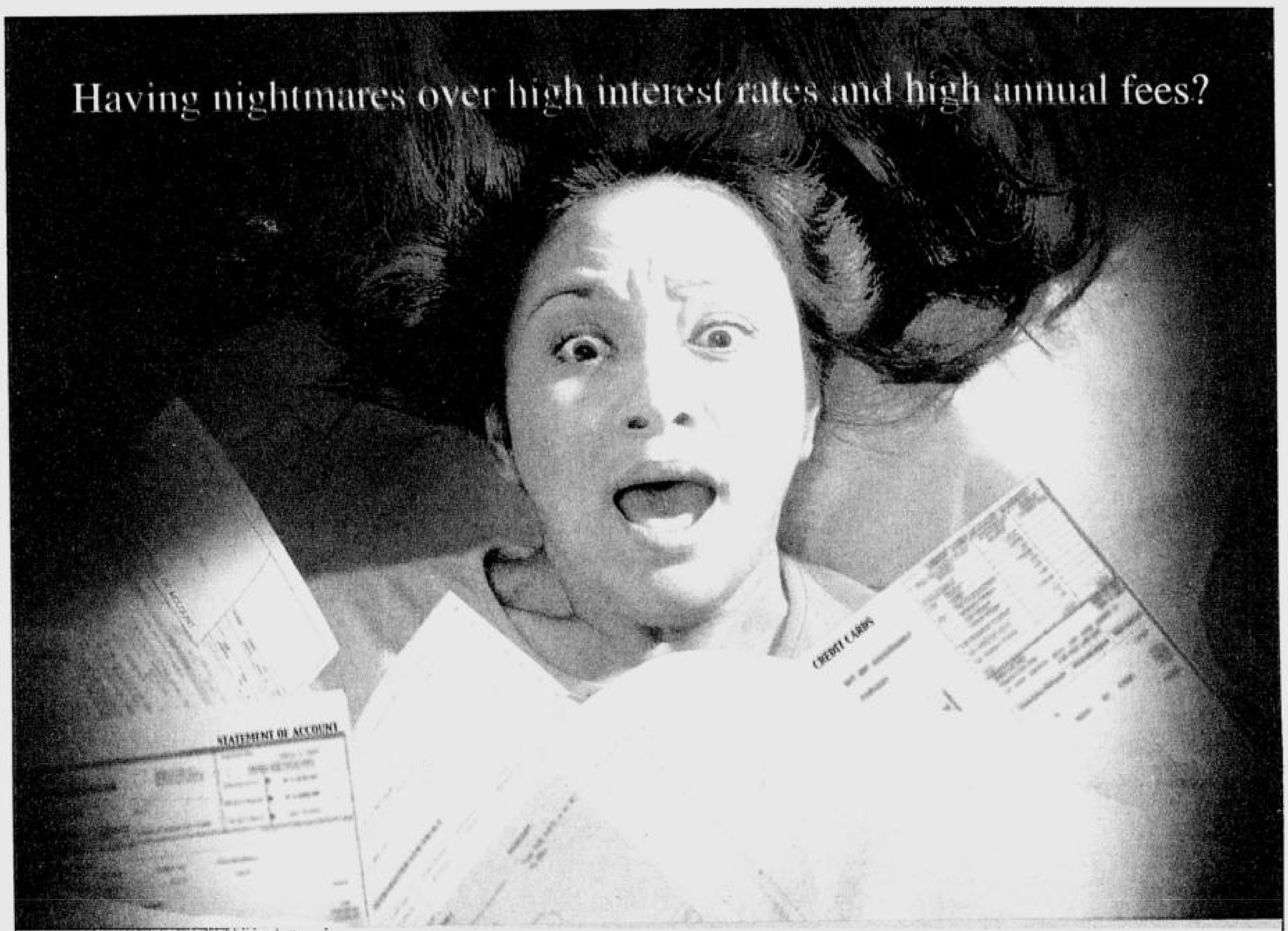
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Pimentel: Switch to federal system Cha-cha's goal

By Michael Lim Ubac

SEN. AQUILINO Pimentel said yesterday Charter change (Cha-cha) will be the first order of business when Congress resumes sessions next month, with a shift to a federal system of government as the focus.

In an interview, Pimentel brushed aside claims that moves to amend the Constitution had fizzled out, after Sen. Edgardo Angara failed to convince majority of the senators to support it.

"Even the President is now openly endorsing it," Pimentel said, citing statements made by Ms Macapagal-Arroyo last Thursday in Mindanao.

The President, Pimentel said, was in favor of amending the Constitution, particularly on changing the system of government to a federal system.

"I'm happy that in an interview with the Davao City media, the President said she was in favor of a federal system. That was the first time she had publicly expressed support for the proposal," he said.

Pimentel said changing to a federal system was the only way the country could speed up its economic development, and bring peace to Mindanao.

"Aside from laying the foundation of faster economic development by going federal, we will have the added bonus of solving with some degree of finality the current Moro rebellion in Mindanao," he said.

He said that unless the country solved the Mindanao problem, "there is no other way this country can go up the ladder of economic development."

Pimentel said the mode of changing the Charter—through a constituent assembly or constitutional convention—did not really matter.

In fact, he said, the leaders of Congress were "now seeing eye-to-eye on adopting the federal system of government as the principal amendment to be made to the 1987 Constitution."

A "panel of senators and congressmen" has agreed that the shift from a unitary to a federal system, along with the adoption of a parliamentary system, should be the focus of Charter change, he said.

The panel from both houses of Congress has been holding meetings to reconcile the conflicting positions of the two chambers on the mode of amending the Constitution.

The House of Representatives has approved a constituent assembly, while the Senate appears to favor a constitutional convention, if it favors Charter change at all.

But "federalization is gaining ground, there is no question about it," the opposition senator said.

Under the federal system, the country will be divided into 10 states—four in Luzon, three in the Visayas and three in Mindanao.

"Metro Manila may be converted into a special federal administrative center like Washington DC in the United States and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia," he said.

Tourism and SARS focus of RP meet

SARS, not terrorist strikes and the Iraq war, had the greater impact on the tourism industry in the Asia-Pacific region, wiping out three million jobs since mid-March.

Pacific Asia Travel Association president Peter de Jong said, "unexpectedly, the impact of SARS on our region has been greater than September 11, the Bali bombings and the Iraq war."

The Pata president said job losses in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Vietnam alone could be as high as seven million if other tourism-related sectors, such as catering and retail, were included in the figures.

The effect of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome on the region tops the agenda of a five-day conference at the Makati Shangri-La hotel beginning tomorrow that would bring together some 200 tourism ministers and heads of tourism organizations from 25 Asian and Pacific countries.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon said the participants will aim to come up with a common collective strategy to cope with crises such as SARS. *Jerome Aning*

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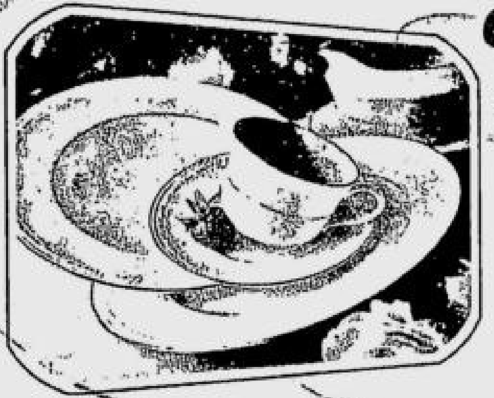

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US envoy soaks up a little sun, a little fun in Mindanao

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—A little sun, a little fun, and a lot of success stories.

United States Ambassador to the Philippines Francis Joseph Ricciardone said these were what he was looking forward to on his four-day visit to Negros Oriental.

"I like to collect success stories. I like to visit successful people. I look for places with particular connections to the United States," Ricciardone told business leaders and local officials on Friday.

He had arrived in the afternoon with his daughter Chiara from Zamboanga, where he had accompanied President Macapagal-Arroyo on one of her Mindanao sorties.

Ricciardone said Silliman University, the oldest private American university in the country, the US Peace Corps and projects initiated by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) were just a few of the excellent reasons for him to visit the province.

The envoy's party was met at the Dumaguete airport by Gov. George Arnaiz and other public officials.

During dinner hosted by Arnaiz, Dumaguete Mayor Agustin Perdices expressed concern over the damaging effect to local tourism of advisories issued by the US government against travel to certain parts of the Philippines.

Ricciardone gamely declared: "My visit would show the whole world that Dumaguete remains safe and is an ideal place for scuba diving."

Only last Tuesday, Army troops overran a rebel training camp in Barangay Balugo in the mountains of Guihulngan.

"Some people are jealous that I'm here," he told the dinner guests: "When President (Macapagal) learned that I was coming here, she said 'Oh, Dumaguete—lucky you!'"

Yesterday, the ambassador and his daughter visited Apo Island, where they went scuba diving.

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3. Who can purchase the RTBs?

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4. Where and when can an investor purchase RTBs?

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5. How does an investor participate in the PO?

Investors may purchase the bonds over the counter from the Underwriter or Selling Agent nearest them, subject to the minimum deposit requirements of each Underwriter and Selling Agent.

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8. What are the risks involved in investing in RTBs?

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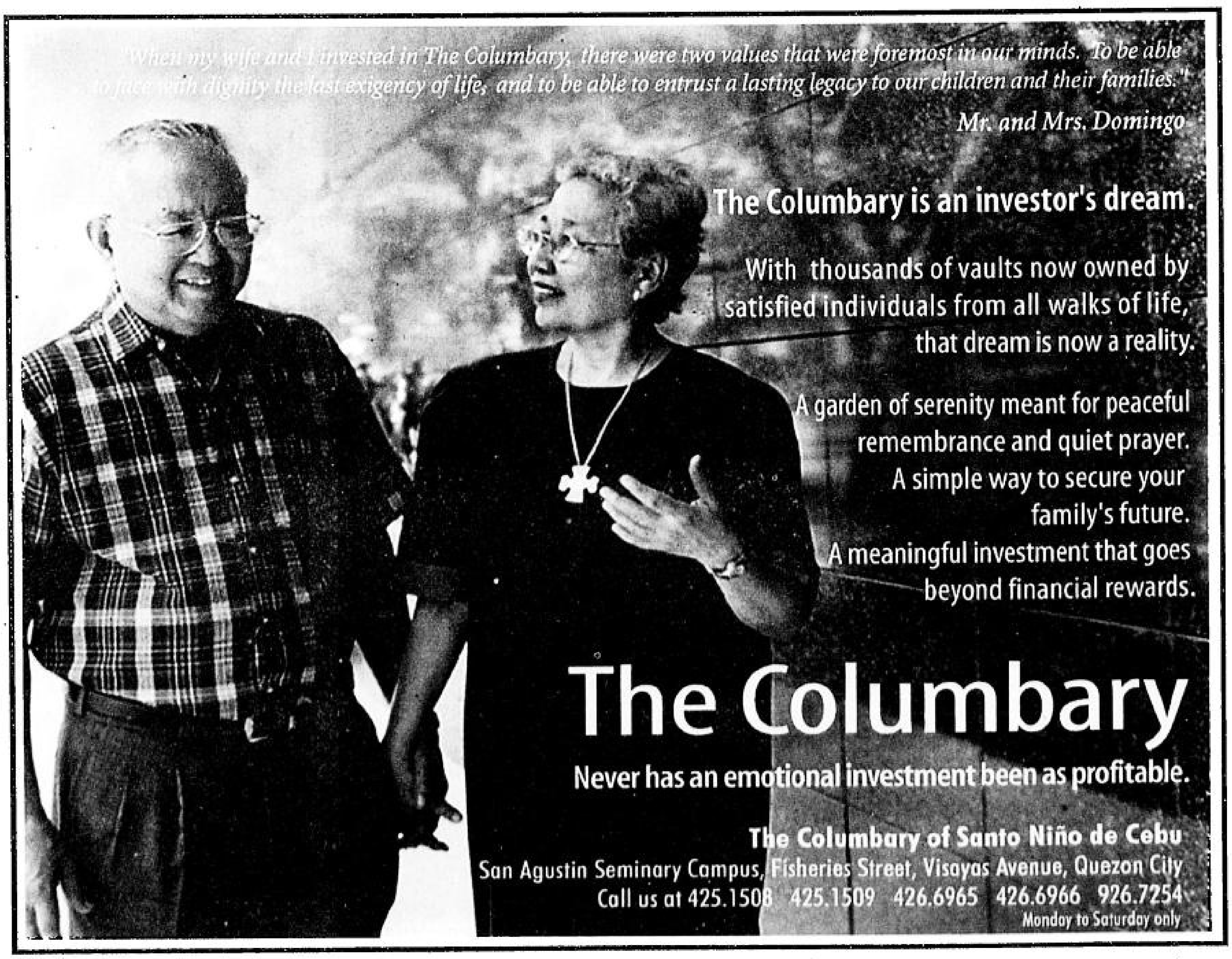

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EDITORIALS

Peace

WE welcome the conversion of Barangay Inug-ug in Pagalungan, Maguindanao into Mindanao's 43rd "sanctuary of peace." A sanctuary is an area that community residents themselves declare as off-limits to both soldiers and Moro separatist rebels. Since hostilities with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front flared anew during the Estrada administration, 42 other sanctuaries have been created in three provinces—a virtual archipelago of peace zones.

In none of these 42 villages has war reared its ugly head again. The role of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front is essentially passive: they agree not to involve the area in armed encounters. But enforcement of the off-limits zone is largely a civil-society effort: it is based on the vigilance of the villagers themselves, helped by humanitarian alliances like Tabang Mindanaw (which the INQUIRER supports).

The welcome sign that greeted President Macapagal-Arroyo and former President Corazon Aquino in Inug-ug last Friday proudly called attention to this fact. The barangay, it said in Visayan, was a sanctuary of peace "declared by the people."

In her remarks, the President duly highlighted the people's role. "The declaration should never come from the national government but from the villagers," she stressed. "It is never an imposition. The decision must come from the people in the community."

True enough—except if this is taken to mean that peace is the responsibility of the people alone. Unfortunately, that is exactly what some officials in the military still think. They think their job is to fight the battles against separatists, communists and terrorists—a difficult enough task in itself. But peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is, to use the formula made famous by Pope Paul VI, the other name of development. And development cannot simply be wished or declared into existence by the people in the community.

The declaration of Inug-ug as a sanctuary was marked by a potentially more important gesture: a letter from MILF founder Salamat Hashim ordering his fighters to withdraw, or to stay away, not only from Pagalungan but also from three other towns in Maguindanao and from one in North Cotabato—Pikit, the site of the Buliok offensive last February.

This offer is welcome, but as John F. Kennedy reminded a world on edge in the 1960s, sincerity is always subject to proof. The worst possible reaction, however, is that exemplified by a brigadier general posted in Central Mindanao, who said: "Maybe they're now willing to give up. Maybe this means that the end is near for the MILF."

The greatest danger to achieving true peace in Mindanao, to converting it into one giant peace sanctuary, is the mindset that sees the conflict in parts of the island as an all-or-nothing game.

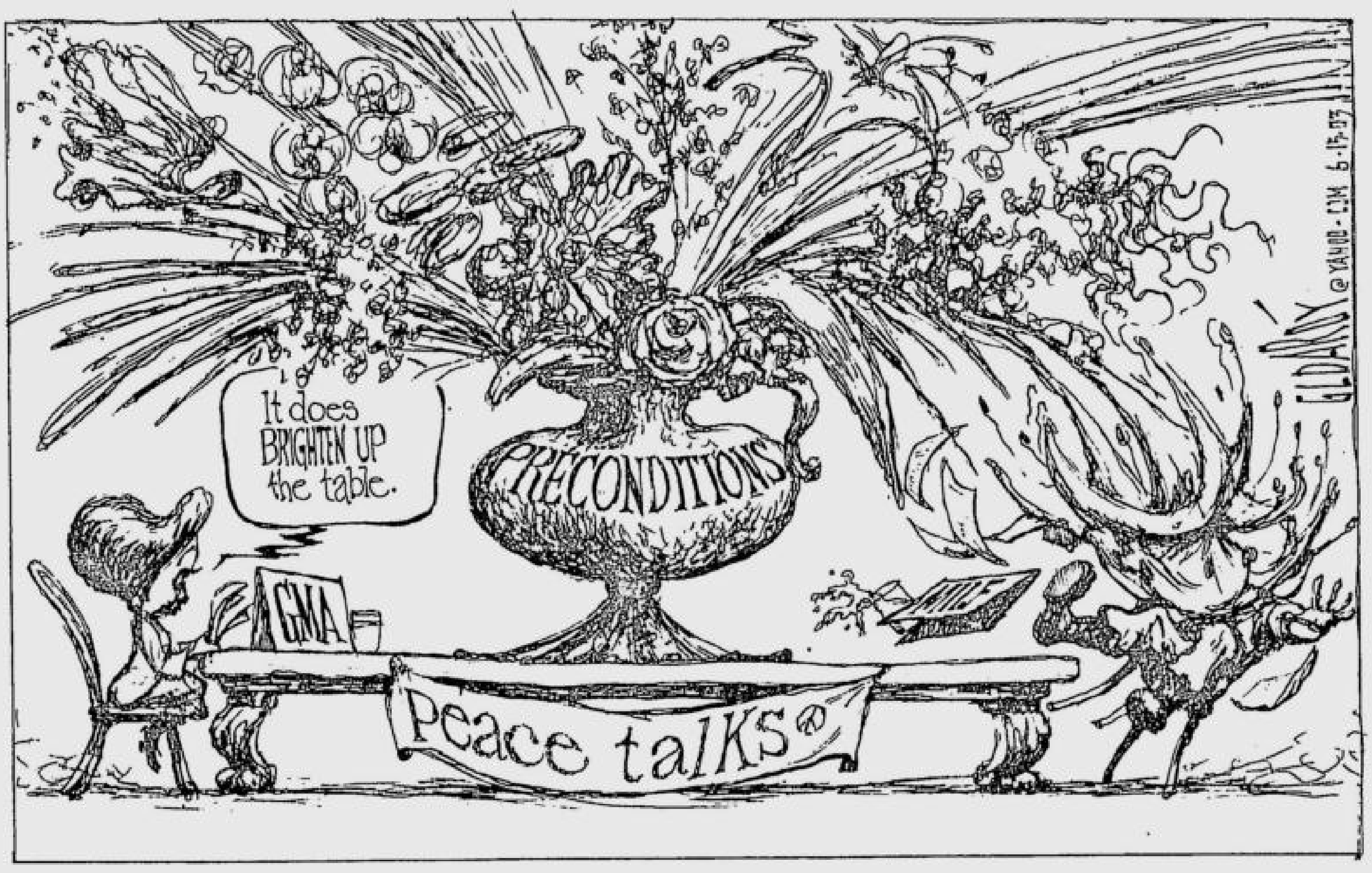
And order

THE ARREST last Thursday of Dr. Maximo Reyes, the chief of the National Bureau of Investigation's medico-legal division, is a severe blow to the NBI. That NBI agents helped in the classic entrapment operation is the agency's only saving grace.

Caught in the act of extorting P200,000 from a Pangasinan doctor in exchange for issuing a fraudulent autopsy report, Reyes will have a difficult time defending his innocence. It is possible that he is the victim of an elaborate insiders' game, but the facts as they stand now do not support that view.

This much is clear. The crime he is accused of calls into question every single finding of the NBI's medico-legal division. If autopsies can be, well, doctored, then so can everything else. Because Reyes, the country's most prominent expert in his field, was involved in some of the most controversial cases in the last two decades, the NBI findings in those cases—the Nida Blanca murder, the Judge Martin Ocampo suicide, and so on—instantly become suspect.

This is troubling enough, but the case of Reyes' alleged accomplice, Dr. Jet Castro of the NBI medico-legal office in Dagupan, is even more so. Castro, who prepared the autopsy report in question and journeyed to Manila to receive his share of the money, joined the NBI only last August. That he gave up his career as a practicing physician and became a practicing fixer in less than a year's time gives us a true measure of the country's culture of corruption.



Premature campaigning

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

OUR election laws provide that the campaign period shall commence 90 days before the elections for President of the Philippines, Vice President and members of the Senate and 45 days before the elections for members of the House of Representatives and provincial, city and municipal officials.

Accordingly, the campaign periods for the coming elections on May 10, 2004, the second Monday of that month as specified in the Constitution, shall begin on Feb. 10, 2004, for the presidential, vice-presidential and senatorial candidates and on March 16, 2004, for candidates for the House of Representatives and the aforementioned local offices.

It's only June 15, 2003, and many candidates for the various elective offices to be voted on one year still from today have already started their campaigns. The violators will deny this with clever evasions but even the *bakya* crowd is not deceived.

Before she announced she was no longer interested in running for election in her own right to the presidency, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was the earliest starter on the campaign trail.

Like many presidential aspirants, she paid tribute to Mike Velarde's El Shaddai by attending one of its mammoth celebrations despite her many official functions. She donned ethnic costumes and participated in many indigenous rites, including dancing to the music of native strings and drums. She saw to it that billboards were erected announcing that this or that public works project was done on her orders and initiative. She kissed babies and ate with her fingers. The clear import of her activities was that she was running in 2004, and don't anybody forget it.

Raul Roco followed suit even before his falling out with his former boss in the Cabinet. While still education secretary, he ordered the printing of posters featuring his handsome face for distribution in public (and also private?) schools to familiarize the students with their future President of the Philippines if the people would support his early bid for the highest office. Even now, he is conducting a regular radio program (thanks for mentioning me there, Raul) to discuss current problems and criticize the administration.

Some months ago, Panfilo Lacson announced his own bid for the presidency, the first to do so expressly, and sought to project his image by appearing in a commercial for a local brandy. (Watch this; it's the only time I have seen him smile.) Not many received his announcement enthusiastically, even from his own party, preferring a more viable candidate in the person of Eduardo Cojuangco. Lacson is also suspected of seeking the presidency so he can claim immunity from criminal prosecution for the various offenses imputed to him.

As for Cojuangco, he is still playing coy although his hawkers in Congress and his party are certain he will eventually agree to yield to their blandishments because they are too strong to resist. Evidence of his still tentative intentions is that bemusing commercial where, surrounded by his admirers, this favorite crony of Ferdinand Marcos and one of the most influential industrialists in the country toasts his potential voters with a glass of gin. He may find a powerful adversary in a well-known taipan who is selling another also intoxicating beverage.

Loren Legarda, the majority leader in the Senate, is another potential candidate although for what is still uncertain. I watched her occasionally in her "Loren Loren Sinta" television program but I don't know if it's still running. More important, I'm wondering what she is running for, now that she has already served the maximum two terms in the Senate. Some say she will probably agree to be Lacson's running mate; others insist she is interested in the top position herself—why not? In any case, whatever her ambition may be, there is no question that she is already campaigning. Last Sunday, there appeared large advertisements featuring Loren selling vitamins and, make no mistake about it, herself. If you have improbably missed those ads, there are still the TV commercials where she makes the same pitch.

Coming back to our President, I was not impressed by her announced abdication last year because I thought it was too early and not convincing enough. Even if it sounded irrevocable then, it was still revocable later. As I said in this column on Jan. 4 this year, "Time will tell what her real intentions are." Meanwhile, reminded that George W. Bush is urging her to run again, the lady merely smiles enigmatically, not unlike the fictional Julia who, while resisting, yielded.

The limitation of the campaign period is practically a dead law, primarily because it is violated by high officials who should themselves set a good example. Their prominence and power make them practically immune from prosecution and encourage lesser candidates to imitate them with similar impunity. So that's how it is as usual *at tuloy ang ligaya!*

Inclusively His

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a father who wanted to know what his son would be when he grew up. He was advised by his relatives to put in front of his baby a book, some money and a microphone. If the baby grabbed the book, he would become a teacher. If he grabbed the money, he would become a businessman. And if he grabbed the microphone, he would become an entertainer. The son grabbed them all. And the father concluded that he would become a politician someday.

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Today, Trinity Sunday, we see the inclusive Spirit of the Trinity when Jesus gave the mandate to His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, and "baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28, 16-20) Note that Jesus ordered this mission to be done in THEIR name. It was not exclusively His. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one. All for one, and one for all, all the way.

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We Christians miss the point by a mile when we insist on our exclusivity or elitism. Debating, or even quarreling over who is right or wrong, who is closer to God, who is more favored, who is more righteous—all these must make God shake His head in frustration. After all these years, we still don't get it if we continue hurting each other, putting each other down, excluding each other, pushing each other. As the Father, Son and Spirit are one, we too should be one.

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The spirit of self-preservation and self-aggrandizement go against the self-giving and self-effacing spirit of the Trinity. The world is so caught up with self-fulfillment. The Trinity reminds us again that true self-fulfillment happens when we learn self-transcendence, which in its concrete form, is love.

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Today, Father's Day, I remember Papa in a very special way. It has been 16 years since he went back to the Father, but I still do miss him. The more I reminisce about him, the more I appreciate the things he told us. Basically, he always told us to be united as a family, and to share our blessings with others. His formula for unity was simple: respect for the older ones and assistance to the younger ones. His formula for sharing was likewise simple: what we have is from God, so, no to selfishness and greed in our hearts.

The more I think about him, the more I realize how he concretized the Trinitarian spirit of unity and sharing.

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"*Saan kayo agaapa* (Don't quarrel among yourselves)." I don't know how many times Papa told us these words when we were children. Nothing could displease and sadden him more than disunity in the family. He did not only preach unity, he initiated it, mended it, lived it. He would not let a quarrel or misunderstanding go unpatched. That was Papa, *ad intra*.

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What was Papa *ad extra*? He hammered on the theme of unity, but not exclusivity. I still have with me a cartoon he cut out of a newspaper showing a man drawing a bigger circle to include even his enemies. He was constantly reaching out. His whole life was dedicated to public service. Like his father before him, he made us realize that helping others, especially the less fortunate, was the stuff that a meaningful life was made of.

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It was Papa's virtue of humility that touches me most. Papa was of heavy stature but he never threw his weight around. I never heard him speak ill of anyone. He was very respectful of all people, rich or poor, young or old. I don't know how he did it, but he did not have any enemies. Not coming from him anyway, and if ever there was, he was the one who would go and, in humility, reach out.

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The humility of the Trinity. Sounds strange, no? But look again. Wasn't the Father sending His Son into our lowly world an act of humility? Wasn't the Son's obedience to the Father an act of humility? And likewise the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son?

The love of the Trinity *ad intra* and *ad extra* can be understood more clearly from the point of view of humility. If we want to share in the life of the Trinity, let us start with humility.

Today, Father's Day, all fathers, including reverend fathers, would do well to emulate God's "humility." It's not exclusively His. It's ours too, to own and to share.

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Today, more than ever, we cannot go about our mission to preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations if we do not have the Trinitarian Spirit of unity, sharing and humility. Especially these days, let us humble ourselves before God as a church and as a nation to remove all obstacles to unity and sharing, with true humility. Our successes should humble us. So with our failures. It is not the time for clenched fists or for pointing fingers. It is the time for clasped hands in humble prayer, and the time for hands to reach out and make the Trinity circle bigger and bigger to include more and more people.

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Happy Trinity Sunday!
Happy Father's Day!

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, give me a heart that is not elusive and exclusive. Amen.

Chicago marks the Twelfth of June

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

WOODRIDGE, Illinois—When President Diosdado P. Macapagal decided early in his presidency to change Philippine Independence Day from July 4 to June 12, it was an occasion of special happiness and pride for our family. June 12 happens to be the birthday of my dad, Modesto Farolan, who would have been 103 years old last Thursday.

Aside from valid historical reasons, there was also a practical incentive which favored the change of date. When President Macapagal was assigned to the Philippine Embassy in Washington, he must have noted the difficulty of gathering distinguished personalities for an Independence Day reception when the United States was also celebrating the same event. Either people would be politely dropping in for a few minutes at the embassy and quickly moving on elsewhere, or they would be sending their regrets because of previous commitments. I'm not saying this situation played a role in his decision. I'm saying it was helpful in terms of ensuring greater community participation especially in countries with a small number of Filipinos.

Incidentally, my father's first diplomatic posting was as Philippine consul general in Hawaii. This was in 1947 after he had served as press secretary to President Manuel Roxas. The capital of Hawaii, Honolulu, had a huge Filipino community and perhaps the problem on Independence Day was crowd control more than anything else.

After his stint in Hawaii, my father went back to his first love, journalism. He had started newspaper work as a cub reporter with the Manila Daily Bulletin while still a UP High School student and with no formal college education, went on to become general manager of the El Debate, Mabuhay, Herald and Monday Mail (DMHM) publications.

From Hawaii, he reestablished, as its editor-publisher, the Philippines Herald, a daily owned by the Madrigal family, and it was here as a young high school student that I met many of his fellow journalists like Doroy Valencia, Teddy Benigno, Jose Lansang, Eddie Lachica and Pete Padre, to name a few. And, before I forget, Mary Joaquin of the advertising department, who was to become my mother-in-law.

After Ramon Magsaysay became president in 1953, he appointed my father the first commissioner of tourism, something remarkable in Philippine politics, considering that Modesto Farolan had been closely identified with RM's political opponent, President Elpidio Quirino. He plunged wholeheartedly into this new field of endeavor—tourism—realizing early on its great potential as a foreign exchange earner and its vital role in the creation of service-related job opportunities.

Continuing as commissioner of tourism during President Carlos P. Garcia's administration, his accomplishments in this activity earned for him the title "Father of Philippine Tourism," a posthumous honor bestowed on him by President Cory Aquino in ceremonies at Malacañang. I believe Peter Garrucho was the secretary of tourism at that time.

In 1963, President Macapagal appointed my dad ambassador to South Vietnam and Cambodia and later on to Switzerland. President Ferdinand Marcos brought him closer to home when he was posted in Indonesia, his last assignment which covered a period of 10 years in which he served as dean of the diplomatic corps for much of his term. He had served almost every Philippine president including Jose P. Laurel who saved him from the Japanese Kempeitai (secret police) by sending him off to Ilocos Norte as governor during the waning years of enemy occupation.

One last note: Modesto Farolan was also on the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines. With only a high school diploma to his name, the stuffed shirts at the Diliman Republic were upset over his appointment, but it did not slow him down a bit.

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More than any other major city in the world, Chicago has been extremely generous in its appreciation of Philippine history and habitat. Here in this windy city by Lake Michigan, one can find a double life-size monument of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, at Lakeshore Drive, a bridge at Wacker and State streets honoring the World War II battle sites of Bataan and Corregidor and the recently inaugurated Philippine Wild Reef Exhibit at the John G. Shedd Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the world. The exhibit spotlights the beauty of the coral reef near Apo Island, Negros Oriental, the most diverse marine ecosystem on this planet and home to more than 2,000 species of fish and 600 types of coral.

The Philippine Independence Day celebrations were ushered in last month with a dinner hosted at the Chicago Cultural Center by Mayor Richard M. Daley, son of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley, known as "The Boss" who served as Chicago mayor from 1955 until his death in 1976. The elder Daley was considered by many as the most powerful local politician ever produced in America.

Two Fridays ago, June 6, a dinner ball was held at the Radisson O'Hare, sponsored by the Council of Presidents (COP) of various Fil-American associations. Consul General Emelinda Lee Pineda was the guest of honor.

The following day another dinner ball was organized by the Filipino-American Council of Chicago (FACC) at the Holiday Inn O'Hare, with visiting Sen. Loren Legarda as the honoree.

In many Filipino communities abroad, there are all sorts of associations and organizations which often reflect personal differences as much as regional or fraternal groupings.

June 12 itself was ushered in with a flag-raising ceremony at the Daley Center, followed by a vin d'honneur hosted by Consul General Pineda at the social hall of the Consulate Center.

Violence tests US resolve

NEWS ANALYSIS

Jonathan Wright

WASHINGTON—An upsurge in Middle East violence this week is testing the Bush administration's commitment to its peace plan, but analysts say it has invested too much in its current approach to try any other tack.

In a reprise of the vacillation that marked the administration's Middle East policy last year, the United States has fluctuated between calling for a crackdown on Palestinian militants and asking Israel to show restraint.

US President George W. Bush, whose personal opinion is deemed crucial to the policy, has also given conflicting signals on how much he agrees with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on the nature of the challenge.

An Israeli minister said on Friday that Israel must "wage a war to the bitter end" against the militant group Hamas, which has taken part in two major attacks on Israelis this week.

Bush said last week he saw the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as part of his "global war on terrorism," implying that his priority was similar to that of Sharon, who says that Israeli security is his primary concern.

Earlier in his two and a half years in office, Bush had already shown signs that he is willing to turn a blind eye to Israeli military action against Hamas and other groups which the State Department calls "foreign terrorist organizations."

But the United States has also criticized Israel's attempts to assassinate Hamas leaders—attempts which usually precede retaliatory suicide bombings by Hamas members.

The US strategy so far has been to make telephone calls to Arab and Israeli leaders and set up diplomatic meetings in the days and weeks to come. Friday started out as the quietest day in the Middle East this week, but Israeli helicopters struck in Gaza in the early evening, killing one Palestinian.

Arab diplomats, whose governments have very little influence in the conflict, said they had to take the Bush administration at its word on its public high-level commitment to promote the international "road map" or peace plan.

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The commitment was embodied in the Sharm el-Sheikh and Aqaba summits attended by Bush this month, which grabbed the headlines and showed Bush in a statesman role.

"The president does seem to be very determined but Sharon and the Palestinians are not going to make it easy for him," said one Arab ambassador, who asked not to be named.

"The only choice for the United States is to push again for a start on the road map and I do not know how firm and effective they can be," he added.

Stephen Cohen, analyst and national scholar for the Israel Policy Forum, predicted the United States would intensify its diplomatic efforts to curb the violence and avert the danger of a major Israeli assault on Palestinian militants. But he added: "I'm not saying it will work."

"Success is going to depend how determined the president is. He tends not to see shades of gray, only black and white," added Judith Kipper of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Maggie Mitchell, director of communications and outreach at Middle East Institute, said Bush had to keep up the level of commitment he promised when he went to the Middle East. "What should happen is that Mr. Bush back up that Aqaba photo op with real muscle, not repeat the hands-off approach of the last two years," she added.

She noted a report in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that Bush did stand up to Sharon and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz at the Aqaba summit on Israeli support for the Palestinian security forces and on withheld Palestinian tax revenue.

Edward Walker, the president of the Middle East Institute, said Bush surprised his Arab colleagues at the Sharm el-Sheikh summit with his grasp of the detail and a "sense of fairness."

"He had his brief down well. He didn't let the Israelis get away with anything," he added. "I think he's pretty committed. Otherwise he wouldn't have taken it on. But he may have been misled on where Sharon stands and how much support he gets from the Arab world."

Bush has appeared to lose patience with Sharon several times over the years but usually he has relented within days and fallen back into line with Israeli priorities.

Bush's word must count with Sharon because of the financial, military and political assistance the United States gives to Israel. The United States has even more clout now because of Israel's economic troubles, the analysts said.

"Sharon cannot afford to have bad relations in the current climate .... They cannot afford to be blamed," said Kipper. Reuters

Iraq-bound contractual peacekeepers

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE LEAD party of the Filipino peacekeeping mission to Iraq leaves today, June 15. The rest of the contingent, consisting of 75 members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, will follow at the end of the month. They are supposed to assist American and British forces in maintaining peace and order in a country that has been plunged into chaos by the recent US invasion. They will take their orders from the US Central Command.

I believe it is the first time the Philippines is sending peacekeepers abroad on a mission that is neither authorized nor supervised by the United Nations. By past practice, the UN would have taken care of their allowance and upkeep, and guaranteed their safe passage to their destination. This time, our government has had to allocate P144 million for the monthly allowance and equipment of the contingent, and we have had to secure a status-of-forces agreement for them as they transit through Kuwait on their way to Iraq. The occupying and sponsoring power, the United States, has offered to pay only their transportation, meals and accommodations.

It is estimated that there are still 150,000 American and British troops in Iraq at the moment. Experts believe this number is grossly inadequate for the enormous task of keeping the peace in a society in which the fabric of order, however criminal its origins, has been completely ripped apart. Looting still abounds in many places. Loose firearms are in the hands of gangs and of nearly every family that has anything to protect. If Saddam Hussein really had chemical and biological weapons, many of these would now be in the possession of some warlord or other. As in Afghanistan, local centers of power run by armed groups provide a modicum of order in the absence of a national state authority. Even while the United States has declared the end of hostilities, ambushes by Ba'athist loyalists still occur. The American forces do not know whom to trust among the police of the past regime. Some say it will take at least two years before a rudimentary government run by Iraqis can be established.

This is the situation into which the 75 Filipino peacekeepers will be injected. Their participation in peace and order efforts, dangerous as it is, will be nothing but tokenism. The American and British forces are aware that rebuilding and running post-war Iraq is a job for which they themselves were not explicitly trained. But even if they were, the Iraqi situation would require, military planners say, at least three times the size of the invading forces to maintain order during the delicate period of transition. What will the 75 Pinoy soldiers and policemen do in Iraq? Stake our claim to the much-anticipated lucrative reconstruction business? Are they in fact the advance party for Pinoy contractual workers in Iraq?

It is not as if we have a surplus of soldiers and policemen we can spare to help finish America's job in Iraq. For if we had enough professional soldiers, we would not be drafting paramilitary units like the Cafgu to fight rebels in Luzon and Mindanao. And if we had enough policemen to maintain peace and order in the country, there would be no need for the more than 150,000 private security guards hired to protect our homes, offices and communities.

The truth seems to be that we are sending this token force to Iraq at the end of the war as a way of validating our unflinching loyalty to the justness of American unilateralism. And we are doing so at a time when this is daily put in doubt by the failure to confirm the existence of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction, the stated cause of the US preventive war. This continuing effort to play the role of America's abiding sidekick may also explain Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's recent misplaced criticism of the United Nations Security Council as "too feeble or hand-tied to be effective at peacemaking." Not content with praising America, we have now also mocked the UN's refusal to legitimize America's unprovoked attack on a member-nation.

I find all this puzzling in the light of our vigorous campaign to win a seat in the 15-member Security Council, unless we are doing so explicitly as the American-backed candidate.

Either we believe in multilateralism, of which the UN is its most advanced fruit, or we don't. We cannot go on promoting American unilateralism, no matter how convinced we may be of its power and wisdom, while remaining an active member of a multilateral organization. The sheer hypocrisy of it is galling.

If our intention is to lend a helping hand to the Iraqi people rather than to play cheering squad to their conquerors, I suggest we do so after a democratically elected Iraqi government is already in place. To go to Iraq at this time when even the returning UN weapons inspection teams are not permitted to do their work independently of the occupying forces is to operate as contractual peacekeepers for the United States. That is the role of mercenaries. There is no honor in that. The Iraqis will not look upon us as friends but as bodyguards of the Western invaders.

Some may justify this as a pragmatic approach to diplomacy and foreign policy, in contrast to an unbending commitment to national sovereignty and internationalism. But this usage is a falsification of pragmatism, which emphasizes transformation through action rather than practical acceptance of the given. Our habits of action as a nation have historically wedded us to America. It is time we asked how far these have taken us.

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Are we ready to negotiate in Cancun?

COMMENTARY

Joseph F. Purugganan

THIS was the question on everyone's mind at the preliminary hearing of the special committee on globalization of the House of Representatives last March 21. The special committee chaired by Rep. Herminio Teves met to discuss a number of initiatives in Congress to look into the effects of government trade policies on local agriculture and industry.

Akbayan Party List Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales, who delivered the privilege speech last March 13 that triggered the committee hearings, underscored the importance and the urgency of the meeting in relation to the 5th Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in September. "The high-level meeting of the WTO in Cancun, Mexico, is barely four months away, and yet the government has up to now been unable to present to the public a concrete strategy or plan for the renegotiations," she said.

What's at stake in Cancun?

The Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, which was concluded in 1993 and which gave birth to the behemoth called the World Trade Organization and the forebear of around 15 trade agreements on goods and services, is winding down its implementation period by 2004. This means that by 2004, all commitments under the Uruguay Round will have been completed.

The idea of having a new round of trade negotiations was floated as early as 1999 at the 3rd ministerial meeting in Seattle. But the talks broke down due to both the weight of implementation issues and concern over undemocratic and non-transparent decision-making processes raised by developing countries and the enormous pressure coming from street protests in Seattle.

The idea was again put on the agenda in Doha. In contrast to Seattle, the Doha meeting in 2001, coming in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, reflected a more accommodating mood among the members. The meeting produced the Doha Development Agenda which mandates the start of negotiations for the launching of a new round during the 5th ministerial meeting in Cancun.

What happens in Cancun may very well define the direction and pace of trade liberalization across the globe. Developed countries are pushing for a new comprehensive round of trade liberalization, but developing countries have raised concerns over implementation issues under the existing trade agreements and the continuing threats posed by further liberalization on their economies. Cancun may also determine whether the scope of WTO powers will be allowed to extend to sensitive issues like investment, competition policy, government procurement and trade facilitation.

Where do we stand?

The Philippine government appears to be ambivalent even at this late stage as regards the launching of a new round of trade negotiations. Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II has been quoted as saying, "We will not be unhappy if there was no new WTO round at all." He expressed serious doubts whether new negotiations will indeed take place given the gridlock in on-going discussions on modalities and the frustration of developing countries on the implementation issues.

But Roxas' expression of unhappiness notwithstanding, it remains unclear whether the Philippines will support the launching of a new round of negotiations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's recent pronouncements favoring a slower-paced liberalization policy and her directives for temporary tariff hikes on livestock and vegetable imports are all well and good, but in the absence of national strategy to guide the negotiations in the WTO, these can be seen as merely piece-meal responses to problems that require strategic solutions.

At the preliminary hearing of the special committee, Agriculture Assistant Secretary Segfredo Serrano said that the agricultural negotiations will hinge on the interlinking mechanism that the Philippine government proposed, which was supported by around 25 other developing countries. "The commitments to the three pillars of the Agriculture Agreement (market access, domestic support and export subsidies) need to be interlinked," he stressed. The proposal calls for a mechanism to convert trade distorting domestic support measures and export subsides into their tariff equivalent to create an even playing field. The Philippines also seeks to strengthen the strategic (or sensitive) products provision in the proposed negotiating text but these products need to be declared on the basis of developing countries' interests in areas like rural development and cultural and environmental preservation.

The Department of Trade and Industry's presentation of the government's position on other areas like services, TRIPS, the implementation issues, and the new issues of investment, competition policy, government procurement and trade facilitation was not as clear. Trade Undersecretary Tomas Aquino provided the general framework for negotiations but failed to define clear positions on specific issues. While the government clearly supports progressive liberalization and negotiations of specific commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), for example, it also calls for flexibility and wants developing countries to open fewer sectors and liberalize fewer types of transactions. Aquino did not identify which sectors need to be opened up, merely saying that "Neda knows the details."

Present at the hearing were representatives of the Stop the New Round! Coalition (SNR!), a broad coalition of people's organizations, non-government organizations, social movements and concerned individuals who have come together to spearhead a coordinated campaign against the launching of a new round of negotiations. Its campaign focuses on the key areas of agriculture, fisheries, services and GATS, the TRIPS agreement and the new issues of investment, competition policy, government procurement and trade facilitation. It aims to pressure the government to formulate a multi-pronged strategy for the Cancun meeting aimed at defending the national interest. This strategy is anchored on a position opposing the further liberalization of the agriculture and services sectors, watering down the public provision in the Doha Declaration on TRIPS, and launching negotiations on the new issues.

The SNR! Coalition has been demanding disclosure of the government's negotiating position on these critical issues. It has been working closely with some members of the House in pushing for congressional inquiries into the government's strategy for Cancun. In a position paper presented to the special committee, it sought the intervention of the House to compel the executive department to submit to the House its position on the issues to be taken up at Cancun.

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TALK of the TOWN

Should Bishop Bacani resign?

LEADERS of the institutional Church in the country have reason to fear that the faith of many Catholics will be shaken by the latest sex scandal to hit the clergy.

In the eye of the storm is not an ordinary priest but a Catholic bishop, who is a former anti-Marcos activist, one of the drafters of the 1987 Constitution, adviser to the charismatic group El Shaddai and one of those considered to be next in line to succeed Jaime Cardinal Sin.

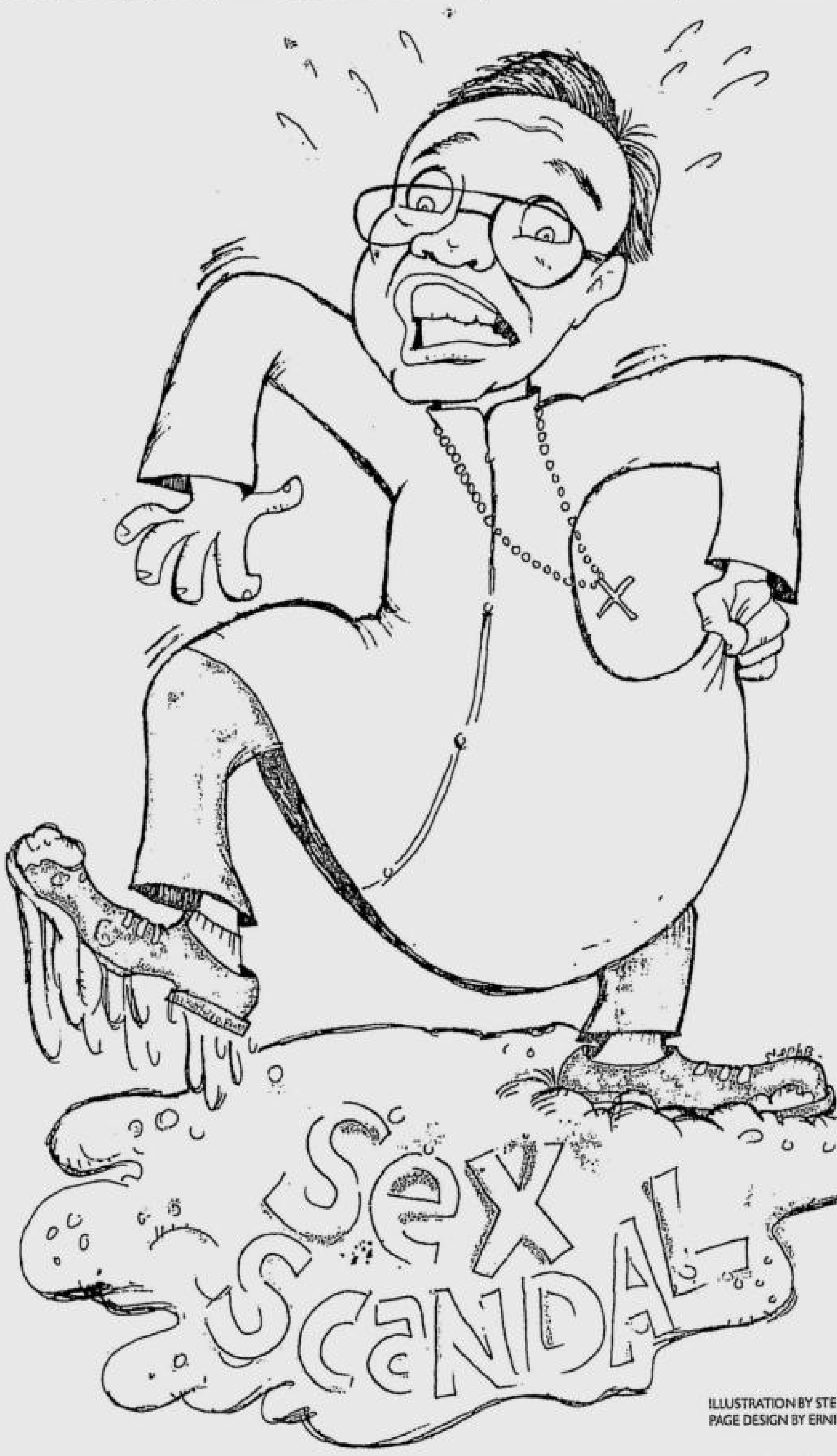
Bishop Teodoro Bacani Jr. is accused of sexual harassment by his secretary of five years. Frances Elaine Ventura, who has resigned as Bacani's secretary, has brought her case to Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco, the Vatican's representative in the country.

Before leaving for the United States last week, Bacani said he "was deeply sorry for the consequences of any inappropriate expression of affection to my secretary."

Because of the incident, the moral authority of the Church may have been eroded. When a man of the cloth can no longer be trusted, who can the faithful turn to?

Bacani is the second bishop in Metro Manila to be embroiled in a sex scandal this year. Bishop Crisostomo Yalung was reported in January as having sired a daughter while he was still the head of the Diocese of Antipolo. Because of his violation of the vow of chastity, the Vatican removed Yalung from the Antipolo diocese.

The Vatican has yet to announce its verdict on Bacani. But allowing him to stay on as head of the Diocese of Novaliches may not be to the interest of the Church. The sex scandal has already tarnished the reputation of Bacani.



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'Any abuse of authority should not be condoned'

By Sr. Nila V Bermisa, MM
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THE WOMEN and Gender Commission seeks to promote adequate and appropriate response to violence against women and men, and healing of victims and survivors of abuse.

When a woman, who feels she has been violated or abused, seeks our help, we respond, whether the alleged perpetrator is a priest/religious or a lay person. If the alleged offender is a priest/religious we follow a procedure—we inform the bishop or religious superior regarding the allegation along with the claims of the offended party.

While it has not always been easy, we can say that we have generally received cooperation and a positive response from Church leaders/superiors. In the case of Bishop Teodoro Bacani Jr., the Church leadership has been responsive. We hope the ongoing investigation will be done in a manner consistent with the normal ecclesiastical process, and has justice and truth as its goal. WGC believes that any abuse of power or authority, whether within the Church or without, is wrong and should not be condoned.

We hope that the case of Bishop Bacani and those of other priests will contribute to bringing about a transformation in attitude toward women. Women are not to be seen as the "temptress." Every woman stands equal in dignity to men. Every woman deserves to be fully human and fully alive.

(The WGC helped Bacani's secretary seek an audience with the papal nuncio.—Ed.)

'Yes, if it's an act of personal transformation'

By Odalie Adiao-Garcia
Counselor of sex abuse survivors

I WENT home afraid and nervous of that priest. A priest whom we thought of as God. Since then, when my friends invite me to play at the Church patio, I would refuse. I never went to Mass too. I told myself, those priests in the Church are bad. I did not attempt to tell my mother because I knew she would not believe me, because my mother sees priests as God.

This is from a diary of a Filipina who was abused by a priest when she was nine years old. She wrote about the molestation this year, 37 years after it happened. She is dying of cancer and has forgiven the priest, who is still serving in Metro Manila.

Incest and religious abuse represent the deepest of violations against a person, because the abuser represents trust, hope, goodness and love in the person's life. When the abuser violates that contract—the person's worldview is completely shattered. Who can I rely on when the person who is the epitome of trust can no longer be trusted? How can I have faith in God's goodness when the one who speaks about God and for God has violated my person?

The root causes of the sex scandals rocking the Catholic Church are not pedophilia, heterosexual affairs, homosexuality, or sexual harassment, but crisis of human sexuality and abuse of power.

Should we be surprised, given that the Catholic Church and religion are products of a violent history of colonization? Who can forget Renato Constantino's documentation of religious abuse during the Spanish period?

Aside from institutional exploitation, exactions of personal nature were rampant. Curates charged a bewildering number of fees for all sorts of rites, from baptism to burial. The natives paid even if it meant selling their last possessions because they had been taught that such rites were indispensable for the salvation of their souls.

Friars made money selling rosaries, scapulars, and other religious objects.

They required from their flock all kinds of personal services and gifts of food for the convent table.

Priests often administered corporal punishment, usually whippings, on natives who dared disobey their orders or disregard their caprices. Unmarried girls were compelled to report to the convent to pound rice and sweep the church floors.

The large number of Filipinos today who have a priest somewhere in their family trees attests to the frequency with which the vows of celibacy were transgressed. *(The Philippines: A Past Revisited)*

It took more than four centuries for many Filipino Catholics/Christians to reclaim their relations with a good God. We are still, in fact, in the process of reclaiming and reinventing ourselves and our relationship with our God, our Church and our goodness.

The long journey has been difficult.

But, the present crisis of human sexuality and abuse of power in the Catholic Church, while painful for most of us, can in fact be the Church's season of grace.

Should Bishop Teodoro Bacani resign? The question preempts the process. But if resigning is a conscious choice and act of personal conversion and transformation: Yes!

'My answer is No'

By Gloria Garchitorena-Goloy
Former editor, Parish Sentinel, newsletter of the San Fernando de Dilao Parish of Paco (1991-1996)

THE WORD resignation is awesome. Whether it applies to a mere employee or an executive, the idea of resigning calls for cutting oneself off from what one has done for a considerable length of time, and possibly, as a lifetime endeavor. The decision would be traumatic, if not tragic.

Can one imagine what resignation will amount to in the case of Bishop Teodoro C. Bacani Jr., the embattled Bishop of Novaliches who has just been accused by his secretary of five years of two instances of impropriety now branded as sexual harassment?

Resigning would mean throwing away all his worthy achievements since his ordination as a priest on Dec. 21, 1965.

He began his pastoral work as a parish priest in San Antonio, Zambales, where he worked among the Ilocano and Tagalog migrants employed at the American air base.

This gave him his first taste of dealing closely with the poor, an involvement he was to carry on through the years. He visited far-flung barrios of his parish, crossing unfamiliar terrain to bring the Word of God to the least of His brethren.

His next assignment, in 1971, was at San Narciso, where he became the Diocesan Catechetical Director of the prelature of Iba, working to organize catechetical apostolates in that area. This work resulted in a noteworthy professionalizing of catechists.

Then in his third assignment in Subic as parish priest, he was involved in introducing the Basic Ecclesial Communities that called for active participation of the people in Church activities.

After brief studies in Rome, and subsequent teaching assignments at the San Carlos Seminary, the Church, recognizing the emerging genius of the young priest, had him appointed bishop in May 1984.

Two months later he was installed parish priest of the San Fernando de Dilao parish of Paco, Manila. He was the first Filipino clergy to assume the parochial leadership there following the withdrawal of the Belgian missionary order, CICM. That he was chosen for this pioneering task suggests the hierarchy's belief in his abilities.

It was during the bishop's 11-year watch in Paco that his gifts as pastor, speaker, organizer and charismatic leader flourished. He was able to instill wide parish involvement of his flock in the Church's various activities, challenging everyone with the catchy slogan that worked like a mantra: "*Mahalaga ang bawa't isa, kailangan ang bawa't isa, kailangang magka-isa.*"

Such was his pastoral gift to inspire a sense of worthiness in his parishioners that they took his subsequent assignment to Caloocan as an irreparable loss.

By then he was already involved with El Shaddai, a responsibility thrust on him by the hierarchy, which viewed the quasi-independent character of the movement as rather worrisome.

Soon his activities as a very much sought-after speaker at recollections, conferences, public causes cast him as a high-profile Church figure, a distinction that rendered him quite vulnerable, as this scandal now underscores.

For had he been an obscure prelate, saddled with nothing more profound than the ritual of parish work, indiscretions such as those imputed to some priests would probably go unnoticed. It is Bishop Bacani's misfortune that media, casting about for material to expose, saw it as one rich in propaganda and publicity mileage.

So, should Bishop Bacani resign? My answer is NO. Those who have known him aren't happy. Even his accuser must surely now be laboring under worrisome scruples, unable to reconcile her need for "redress" and the more important wish for personal peace of mind. Certainly, as the saying goes, "*may pinagsamahan din naman sila*" (not in the malicious context) through all those five years of working together.

And I dare to second guess the hierarchy's thinking. It hopes that the case is resolved, the bishop does not resign, and justice is done to all concerned. A resignation will be the Church's loss, more than it will be Bishop Bacani's.

[The writer is a former associate editor, Sunday Times Magazine (1963-1972)]

'Even if the allegations are not true, harm has been done to Bishop Bacani'

OUT of *delicadeza*, Bishop Bacani should resign. His "inappropriate expression of affection," even while he denied the sex raps, did him in. But the public should forgive him and understand that all of us are frail human beings. The laity should help the clergy.—**Jeremaiah Opiniano**, *project coordinator, Institute of Church and Social Issues*

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SINCE Bishop Bacani has denied any impropriety, and given that he has his responsibilities and duties as bishop of an ecclesiastical district, he cannot just resign. However, to his credit, he has left his fate up to his superiors. We trust that the Church hierarchy will act with justice to all.—**Frank Padilla**, *director, Couples for Christ*

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PRIESTS are also human beings, it is natural for them to have sexual urges. I think it's normal for priests to break their vow of celibacy and Bishop Bacani should not leave his post because of the allegation. Bacani's case strikes us as too much of a grave sin because the media know about it and he is a celebrity. —**Rose Manto**, *housewife, San Andres, Manila*

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I CAN'T say if Bishop Bacani should resign or not. All we have to do is wait for the decision of the Vatican and hope that it will be for the best of everybody. We pray for guidance. We should not forget there is a Supreme Being who should judge, not us. —**Evelyn Fenix-Orden**, *parishioner, Banal na Sakramento Parish, Novaliches, Quezon City*

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I DON'T think resignation is the first step to clear the issue. Investigation must be done by the CBCP and evidence must be presented. If found to be true, then the Vatican should decide on this. If not, he should retain his position. But even if the allegations are not true, harm has already been done to Bishop Bacani. It's going to be hard to bring things back to the way they were. **Rhodora C. Constantino**, *Novaliches, Quezon City*

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BISHOP Bacani should not resign. We should all wait for the result of the investigation and findings before we cast a stone on the poor bishop. God is good...He will find a way. Truth shall prevail for both parties.—**Michael Masiglat**, *parishioner, Pagkabuhay Parish, Novaliches*

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IF Bobot's claim of sexual harassment really happened, why did she speak up only now? Why make it known to the media if she doesn't want public attention? It has probably something to do with money or politics and this scandal should not stop Bishop Bacani from serving the people. I don't think the bishop is capable of harassing anyone. Committing sexual advances against anyone under his wing will destroy his reputation as a bishop.—**Amalia Tan**, *Paco, Manila*

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BISHOP Bacani should continue serving the Church unless he is proven guilty. Very few priests can hold the interest of churchgoers in a Mass. That was why he was my first choice to officiate at my wedding. People would flock to the church and actually listen to the homily whenever he celebrates Mass in our parish. He is down-to-earth and has a way of delivering God's words without being too preachy and stiff.

The bishop is really affectionate. He is approachable and it's a natural thing for him to hug people as a greeting. Most priests have regal air and parishioners usually shy away, but not with Bishop Bacani. Maybe it's his secretary who initiated contact if the bishop hugged her. She did not even file a formal complaint.—**Grace Marilou Makino**, *Paco, Manila*

(Opiniano, Manto, Tan and Makino were interviewed by Irene Andrea C. Perez)

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US troops hunting Saddam loyalists kill 97 Iraqis

BAGHDAD—US troops killed 27 Iraqis who they said ambushed a tank patrol on Friday, after killing at least 70 at a guerrilla camp the day before, in the bloodiest clashes since major combat was declared over.

The US military has launched two big operations west and north of Baghdad this week to try to root out what it says are diehard Saddam Hussein loyalists behind a recent spate of attacks on American troops in mainly Sunni Muslim areas.

A US statement said an organized group of fighters had fired rocket-propelled grenades at a 4th Infantry Division tank patrol in Balad, about 90 km north of the capital.

"The tanks returned fire, killing four of the attackers, and forcing the remainder to flee," it said. "Tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles reinforced with AH-64 Apache helicopters pursued the enemy personnel, killing 23 of the attackers."

No US casualties were reported in the clash.

Some 4,000 troops have been scouring an area around the Tigris river northeast of Balad since Monday in "Operation Peninsula Strike," which the military said was the biggest operation it had launched in the past six weeks.

In the other big assault, launched early on Thursday, at least 70 people were killed at a "terrorist training camp" in northwest Iraq, a US military spokesperson said on Friday.

He said the 101st Airborne Division and special operations units were involved in the raid that began with an air strike on the camp, 150 km northwest of Baghdad. One US soldier was wounded. The operation was still in progress.

The spokesperson said a US Apache helicopter was downed during the operation on Thursday —the first time a US helicopter had been shot down since the fall of Baghdad on April 9. The crew of two were unhurt, he added.

The statement said 70 to 80 SAM-7 surface-to-air missiles, 75 to 78 rocket-propelled grenades and a score of AK-47 assault rifles had been found at the suspected training camp.

US officials have released no other details on the camp, though one said the military believed that some of those present were not Iraqis. Arab volunteers from several countries fought with Iraqi forces during the war launched on March 20.

President George W. Bush had accused Saddam of having links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. The former Iraqi leader denied this and Washington has provided no conclusive evidence.

The US military said it detained 74 "suspected al-Qaida sympathizers" in a separate raid near the northern town of Kirkuk on Thursday.

Some 40 US soldiers have been killed in attacks and ambushes in Iraq since the beginning of May.

Reuters

Poll: Britons think they were misled over Iraq

LONDON—A majority of British voters believe Britain and the United States deliberately exaggerated evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in order to win support for going to war, a poll published Saturday showed.

A third of respondents to the Populus poll said they would be less inclined to trust Prime Minister Tony Blair in future because of this.

A total of 58 percent said they believed London and Washington misled the public over the threat posed by Iraq with 39 percent disagreeing.

Meanwhile, 34 percent said they would now be less inclined to trust Blair.

However, 70 percent said the war was justified because it removed Saddam Hussein from power, while 85 percent agreed with the statement that Iraq probably did have WMDs but either destroyed or hid them, according to the survey in The Times newspaper.

Populus interviewed 1,003 adults on Tuesday and Wednesday, the day Blair said he would not appear before a parliamentary foreign affairs committee probing claims that the government embellished intelligence on Iraq's WMD.

Blair told parliament that "in relation to the allegations that have been made, there is not a shred of truth" in them, adding that Foreign Secretary Jack Straw would appear before the committee.

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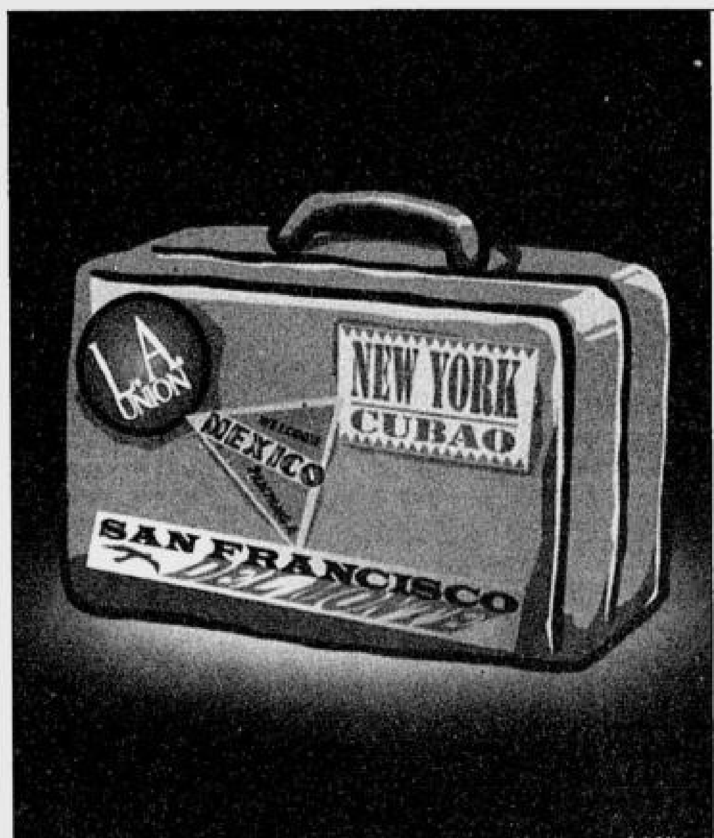

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US soldiers still fighting, dying weeks after Bush declared victory in Iraq

By Robert Burns

WASHINGTON—When President George W. Bush declared on May 1 that major combat operations had ended in Iraq, there was little discussion of what he meant. For all practical purposes, it seemed the war was over.

It is not.

Since the president made his statement to waves of applause from sailors aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, 47 American servicemen have died in Iraq. Commanders say there is much more fighting ahead.

The total number of American deaths in Iraq since the war began March 19 is 183, according to the Pentagon's count. The number stood at 138 on May 1; two weeks ago it was at 171.

The count of 183 does not include two fatalities announced Friday by US officials in Kuwait: One soldier was killed in a vehicle accident at an air base in Iraq and another drowned while swimming in a lake in Iraq. Neither was identified pending notification of relatives.

Although large parts of Iraq are relatively peaceful and US military control overall is not in doubt, an amalgam of shadowy resistance forces, including unknown numbers of non-Iraqi fighters, are carrying out almost daily hit-and-run attacks against the American occupation forces.

In response, US troops this week began a combat operation, code-named Peninsula Strike, in an area north of Baghdad along the Tigris River against what Central Command described as "Baath Party loyalists, paramilitary groups and other subversive elements."

Some analysts believe these remnants of Saddam Hussein's government are hoping to make a comeback in chaos by killing enough US troops to exhaust the American public's tolerance for casualties.

The death toll as of Friday was far below the 382 in the 1991 Gulf War, when Bush's father was president, but the comparison is closer for those in the "hostile death" category (killed in action or died of wounds): 127 in the current war, 147 in the first Gulf War. The 382 in the earlier war and the 183 in the current one include accidents and illness.

Lee Feinstein, a foreign policy and international law expert at the Council on Foreign Relations, said in an interview Friday that Bush needs to make an unequivocal public commitment to completing the stabilization of postwar Iraq. The administration's oft-repeated statement that US forces will remain as long as necessary, "and not one day longer," suggests an impatience to leave that only encourages Iraqi opposition fighters to wait out the Americans, he said.

"It encourages attacks on us," Feinstein said.

John Steinbruner, director of the Center for International Security and Studies at the University of Maryland, said he believes the administration is in "the early stages of trouble" with its Iraq policy because Bush has not given a coherent explanation of the long-term goal.

"If you're asking, will there be a sharp and immediate revolt over casualties, I would say no, it will take time to ripen," Steinbruner said in a telephone interview.

No US troops have been killed in Peninsula Strike, although a small number have been wounded, Pentagon officials said.

Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, the senior commander of US ground forces in Iraq, said that although Peninsula Strike is an important mission, it is different from what he called the decisive phase of the war—the major combat operations that toppled Saddam's government in just three weeks of fighting.

In the current combat north of Baghdad, US forces have conducted raids where intelligence indicated there were resistance fighters organizing for attacks on American troops. McKiernan said more than 400 Iraqis were detained and about 50 of them are being held captive.

McKiernan said remnants of the banned Baathist Party that ruled Iraq under Saddam are holding out.

"There are still those that are loyal to a regime that is no longer in power that we will continue to have to seek out, close with and either apprehend them or destroy them. And that will take some time," he said in a satellite video hookup from his headquarters in Baghdad.

Besides the Saddam loyalists, there are an unknown— and perhaps unaffiliated—number of foreign fighters who have staged attacks on American forces since Baghdad fell in April.

Pentagon and intelligence officials say these include Saudis, Yemenis, Syrians and Africans motivated primarily by anti-US Islamic extremist ideology rather than support for Saddam.

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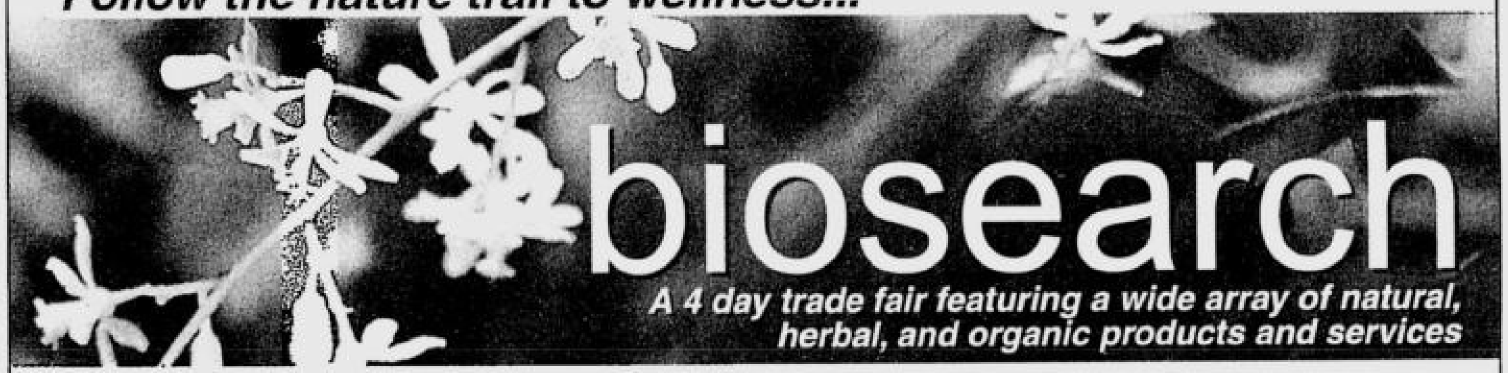

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Israel mounts 2 more missile strikes as it broadens campaign vs militants

JERUSALEM—Despite appeals to break a cycle of attack and counterattack, Israel broadened its campaign against Palestinian militants, saying it will go after political as well as military leaders, who target Israel with terrorism.

In new strikes against Hamas targets Friday, Israel killed an operative of the group in a missile attack in Gaza City, and three hours later fired rockets at a building just a block from the home of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

The first attack also injured 32 Palestinians, including 10 children, doctors said. The building targeted in the second strike was a weapons factory, the Israeli military said. In the past four days, Israel has carried out seven missile strikes against Hamas targets.

In the West Bank, one Israeli was killed and two were seriously wounded in Palestinian shooting attacks.

Thirty-six Palestinians and 24 Israelis have been killed since US President George W. Bush launched a peace plan at a summit last week.

Concerned over the escalating violence, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said in an interview published Friday that deploying armed peacekeepers—an idea opposed by Israel—may be the only way to keep the warring parties apart long enough to begin implementing the so-called "road map" to peace and Palestinian statehood by 2005.

The plan envisions an increased role for international monitors, but does not call for armed peacekeepers.

A first contingent of 10 to 15 US monitors, including CIA and US State Department officials, was to arrive in the region Saturday, headed by Assistant Secretary of State John Wolf.

Israel TV reported that Dov Weisglass, a senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was flying to Washington for talks with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has said he won't use force against the Islamic militant group Hamas and other militants and that he needs time to persuade them to lay down arms. *AP*

A PALESTINIAN woman cries amid the debris of the demolished house of Abbas Abu Halial, a member of a group linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, in the West Bank village of Dura, June 13. The Israeli army continued its controversial policy of destroying the family homes of militants, also blowing up in the West Bank that of Abdul Mohti Shebana, who carried out the Jerusalem suicide bombing two days ago, killing 16 people. AFP

Sri Lanka Navy sinks rebel ship

COLOMBO—The Sri Lankan Navy sank a suspected Tamil Tiger rebel ship early on Saturday and truce monitors said all 12 on board were feared dead, in what could be a major setback to the island's fragile peace process.

Navy officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a ship belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) did not respond to its radio calls or to warnings shots and tried to ram a Navy vessel off the northeastern port city of Trincomalee.

The Navy vessel sank the rebel ship, they said.

"It seems there were 12 Sea Tigers on board. They jumped overboard but as to whether they were rescued, we don't know," said Agnes Bragadottir, a spokesperson for the Nordic monitors who oversee a Norwegian-brokered truce between the rebels and the government.

"I think they are all dead."

Bragadottir added there was an explosion on board and it was thought the ship had sunk.

The violence is a new blow to the bid to end 20 years of war between the Tigers and the government. The two sides agreed to a ceasefire in February last year, but the Tigers, who have been fighting for self-determination for minority Tamils, suspended peace talks in April.

They also boycotted a donor conference in Tokyo which raised $4.5 billion to rebuild the war-torn island and on Wednesday rejected the latest government proposal aimed at restarting talks.

Despite the stalled talks, the truce has been holding, giving the island what is seen as the best chance yet to end the war that killed 64,000. Four previous peace bids ended in renewed fighting. *Reuters*

WHO lifts SARS travel warnings for parts of China

GENEVA—The World Health Organization lifted SARS warnings against travel to mainland China except Beijing on Friday, in a further sign the potentially fatal disease is being tamed.

But it kept up its call to avoid unnecessary trips to the Chinese capital and to Taiwan—the only places in the world still subject to travel warnings—because of lingering worries about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) there.

And the United Nations health agency also expressed new concern about Toronto, the only spot outside southeast Asia where SARS has killed, after a visitor from the US state of North Carolina caught it in Canada's business capital.

The WHO said it dropped the alert for the Chinese provinces of Hebei and Shanxi, Inner Mongolia and the city of Tianjin.

It also removed these and a number of other Chinese areas from the list of places where SARS was still feared to be spreading, a move tantamount to declaring them SARS-free.

"SARS is no longer a potential threat to international travellers to these regions," WHO said.

The WHO's top infectious disease expert has praised moves by China, where SARS is believed to have begun, to contain the respiratory disease which has killed some 790 people worldwide.

Despite the fact that Beijing, once the SARS capital of the world, had seen a dramatic decline in new cases, WHO said it needed to know more about the pattern of the disease there.

"In Beijing, we don't believe the situation is fully under control, and nor do the Chinese authorities," WHO spokesperson Iain Simpson told a news conference.

Taiwan, which wants the WHO to lift the travel alert because it is harming its economy, had a similar problem, Simpson said.

"We still have concern about some of the recent cases in Taiwan, some that can't be linked to known chains of transmission," he said. *Reuters.*

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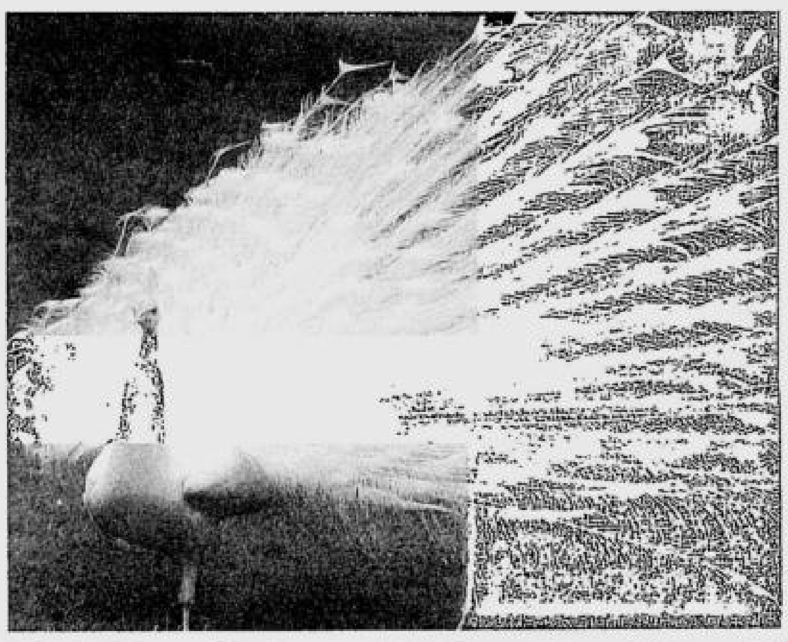

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A white peacock spreads his tail at David Wierdsma's French Farm, part of the Garden Education Center's "Art in the Garden" benefit held in Greenwich, Conn., June 12. AP

Tehran calm after vigilantes crack down on student protests

TEHRAN—The streets of Tehran returned to normal on Saturday after a night of sporadic violence during which Islamic vigilantes, some armed with assault rifles, delivered a tough response to a spate of pro-democracy protests.

In the rush-hour morning traffic at the start of Iran's working week there were no signs of the hardline militiamen who had attacked protesters with impunity just hours before, hauling women out of their cars and beating young men with chains.

The violence in the early hours of Saturday, although confined to a small area of the capital, was the most serious since the US-applauded demonstrations began four days ago.

The students' news agency ISNA reported that attackers had burst into three separate university dormitories in Tehran during the night, beating students and smashing furniture.

It said riot police intervened, firing teargas. Some injured students were hospitalized, ISNA said on its website. An Interior Ministry spokesperson declined to comment on the unrest.

Diplomats said the tough action by the vigilantes, who wear no uniforms and are fiercely loyal to Iran's conservative clerical leaders, appeared intended to intimidate protesters.

"They want to send a clear message that the protests have crossed their line of tolerance," a diplomat in Tehran said.

"It's hard to say whether it will have the desired effect or not. It could backfire and make people even more angry."

Clerical leaders have accused the United States of stirring up unrest in Iran. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the last word on all state matters, said this week the authorities would show no mercy for "mercenaries of the enemy."

Washington, which accuses Iran of building nuclear weapons and sponsoring terrorism, has hailed the protests which drew up to 3,000 people on previous nights.

While venting most of their anger at unelected clerics who wield ultimate power in Iran, the protesters have also lambasted moderate President Mohammad Khatami. *Reuters*

Convention adopts draft EU charter

BRUSSELS—A landmark Convention on the Future of Europe adopted the first draft constitution for an enlarged European Union by consensus on Friday, 46 years after the founding Treaty of Rome was signed.

Visibly moved after 16 months of hard debate and bargaining, Convention president Valery Giscard d'Estaing and the 105-member forum rose for the EU's anthem, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," and toasted their historic achievement with champagne.

But a majority of the 28 participating governments tarnished the celebration by signaling they would fight in negotiations later this year to preserve complex voting rules that give small states power disproportionate to their population.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said: "For me, the constitution is the most important treaty since the foundation of the European Economic Community (in 1957)."

Key reforms include the appointment of a long-term president of the European Council for up to five years, replacing the current rotating presidency, under which each member state takes the helm for six months.

The draft proposes an EU foreign minister and a slimmed-down executive European Commission of 15 full members, based on the principle of strict rotation to ensure equality of states. It foresees much more majority decision-making. *Reuters*

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Power firm defers plan to stop Cebu operations

By Jhunnex Napallacan
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CEBU CITY—Cebuanos and Ilonggos heaved a sigh of relief as government agencies worked double time to address impending power shortages in Cebu and Panay islands.

The Department of Energy yesterday said the Cebu Private Power Corp. (CPPC) agreed to defer its plan to suspend its operation, averting a critical power supply situation had CPPC shut down operation starting today as it earlier announced.

A diesel-run power plant now based in Batangas City would, meanwhile, be transferred to Panay Island to solve the worsening problem of power shortage there, according to Senate President Franklin Drilon.

The CCPC, an independent power producer of Metro Cebu's power service provider Visayan Electric Company (Veco), informed the DoE Friday afternoon that they would extend their operations until July 25.

CPPC general manager Roger Lim said in a radio interview yesterday that their decision to give a 40-day extension was meant to give more time to the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to resolve the pending issues, particularly CPPC's bid for a rate adjustment.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, in a statement, said he was relieved by CPPC's decision. With the extension, they would have enough time to arrive at a viable and long-term solution to the power problem in Cebu, he said.

The ERC is still studying the petition of CPPC for a 37-centavo rate adjustment of the power it supplies to Veco.

CPPC claimed that they incurred millions of pesos in losses since October of last year because of the fuel price increase, peso devaluation and other factors.

CPPC is supplying 62-megawatts (MW) of electricity to Veco under its 15-year build-operate-transfer contract.

CPPC, in a June 13 letter to Perez, said it decided to continue its operations despite huge losses in response to the request of the DoE and of various business groups in Cebu, particularly the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Cebu Furniture Industry Foundation, Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Mandaue Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"I am thankful that CPPC has shown great concern for the public interest and is acting as an exemplary corporate citizen. They have heeded the appeal of the private and the public sectors not to suspend operations on June 15 and instead continue to supply power to the Visayans, allowing time for their issues to be resolved," Perez added in a statement.

But he also stressed that even if the CPPC situation is resolved, it would only provide a near-term relief as the DoE still anticipates some power shortages in Cebu by the end of the year that, he warned, "is anticipated to further deteriorate early next year."

"We will be working closely with all the parties in addressing these issues. However, let me assure everyone that all possible efforts are being exerted and there is still time to redress the situation," Perez said.

The DoE has been conducting dialogues with the power consumers to avert future power supply problems. It is also in discussions with several foreign firms to put additional generating capacity in the region.

Perez has also ordered the National Transmission Corp. (TransCo) to fast track the completion of the $36-million Negros-Panay submarines interconnection project and the $68.3-million Cebu-Negros interconnection.

Drilon, meanwhile, said that the decision to bring to Panay Island half of the 110 MW bunker fired diesel plant from Pinamucan, Batangas City was reached following his meeting Monday with National Power Corp. (Napocor) president Rogelio M. Murga.

"The looming crisis of power shortage poses a serious threat. The transfer is the most viable and immediate solution to lessen if not completely solve the imminent power shortage in Panay Island," Drilon said in a statement yesterday.

₱570-M project launched to save Sierra Madre

ILAGAN, Isabela—Environmentalists and government officials launched on Friday the P570-million conservation and protection program to save the threatened marine and forest ecosystems in the Northern Sierra Madre natural park in Isabela.

During the environmental law enforcement summit at the provincial capitol here, environmentalists, town officials and park stakeholders signed the environmental law enforcement covenant for the protected park.

Environment Undersecretary Rolando Metin, environmentalist Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan and Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy Jr. led the covenant signing and vowed to protect the natural park.

The Netherlands earlier tapped this year the World Wide Fund for Nature-Philippines, also known as Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas, to implement the Northern Sierra Madre natural park conservation, development and protection program (Phase 2) through a P570-million grant in seven years.

Alfredo General, NSMNP-conservation and development project Phase II manager, said the summit boosted the partnership commitment and conservation moves of various park stakeholders.

"We are all committed to actively engage in protecting and conserving the natural park by using established mandates and local resources through proper planning, decision-making and implementation," he said.

Felix Taguba, Isabela provincial environment and natural resources officer, said the summit and the signed covenant would give park stakeholders the responsibilities and accountabilities that will contribute to the overall effort to manage, conserve and protect the natural park.

The 359,000-hectare Sierra Madre natural park is the largest and one of the few remaining virgin forests in the country.

The park's pristine forests, however, have been threatened with deforestation. Its animals have been threatened because of poaching and its marine resources exposed to illegal fishing and over fishing.

The mountain range, which is the country's largest protected area, covers the towns of San Mariano, Dinapigue, Palanan, Maconacon, Divilacan, San Pablo, Cabagan, Tumauini and Ilagan in Isabela and some parts of Cagayan. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Caloocan cop-cum-drug dealer falls in Cavite

CALAMBA CITY—After eight police officers from Luzon were tested positive for illegal drug use last Monday, a Metro Manila policeman was arrested yesterday in his house in Barangay Poblacion, Indang, Cavite for allegedly peddling illegal drugs in the province.

Calabarzon police director Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal said an early morning operation of the Regional Intelligence and Investigation Division and the Regional Intelligence Office led to the arrest of the suspect he identified as SPO4 Florante Vida of the Caloocan City police.

Caringal said the suspect was collared through an arrest warrant from Judge Lucenito Tagle of the Imus Regional Trial Court.

Police confiscated a .45-caliber pistol with an expired license, bullets for M16 armalite rifle, assorted drug paraphernalia, six tablets believed to be the banned Ecstasy pill and 20 plastic sachets containing 28 grams of methampetamine hydrocloride (shabu), from Vida's house.

"Arrested small-street drug pushers in Cavite and nearby towns pointed to Vida as their source. A month-long investigation of the regional police command supported the accusations against the suspect," Caringal told the INQUIRER.

Police are now investigating the suspect to verify if he really belonged to a drug syndicate and for the possible apprehension of his cohorts.

Caringal also warned other men in uniform against "engaging in illegal drugs and other criminal activities because the strong arms of the law will surely catch up [sic] with them."

Last week, he disclosed that an average of 40 members from each provincial police of the Calabarzon Region were suspected hooked on illegal drug use.

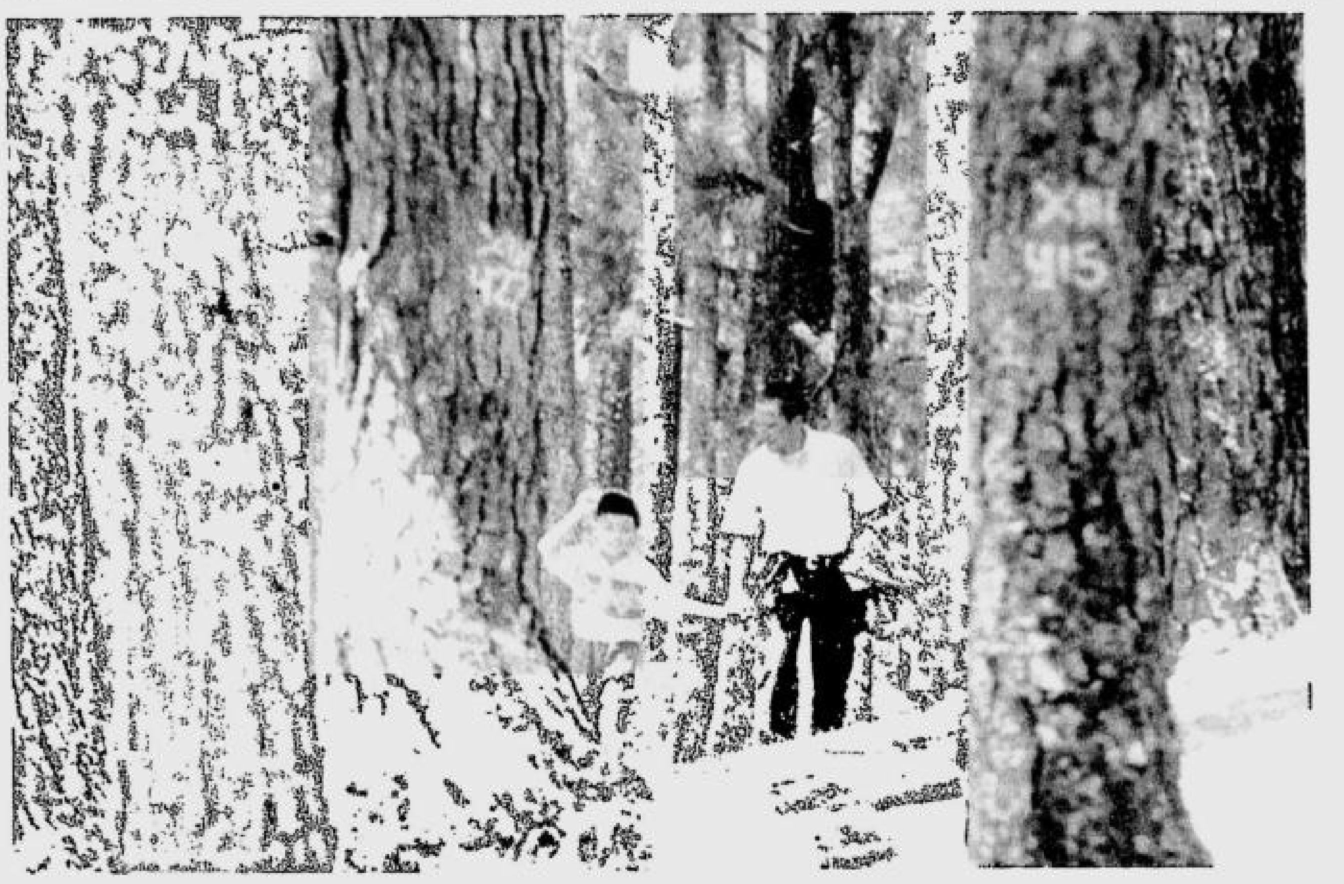
He vowed to get rid of scalawags from police units in the region.

Meanwhile, police are hunting down three suspects who abducted, shot and dumped their 21-year-old victim in Barangay Prinza last Friday.

Police chief Senior Supt. Generoso Calderon identified two of the suspects as Dante Manzanero and Erwin Banson.

Calderon said victim Armando Curalbo, a resident of Barangay Real, had just come from a friend's house in Barangay Uno when the suspects approached him and ordered him at gunpoint to board a waiting four-wheeler vehicle.

The victim said the gun-wielding men asked him several questions about some personalities whom he did not know. When he refused to answer, the suspects allegedly fired at him three times, hitting him on his forehead and body. Thinking that Curalbo was already dead, the suspects dumped the victim and went to Batangas. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



TOOTS SOBERANO

BONDING DAY

AMID the tree-lined pathways inside the Camp John Hay in Baguio City, father and son savor a quiet moment together as they celebrate FATHER'S DAY.

Grandpa begs: Help us get our granddaughter

QUEZON, Bukidnon—When Analiza Managasi, 27, died in March at a hospital in Lucena City after giving birth to a baby girl by a married man, her family moved heaven and earth to bring her body home.

Nong Pedro Managasi, Analiza's father, approached politicians to seek help but it did not come.

Nong Pedro said Mayor Gregorio Gue of Quezon, Bukidnon only said there was nothing he could do to bring Analiza's body from Lucena City to Bukidnon because of the huge money involved.

"Mayor Gue suggested we see Gov. Jose Ma. Zubiri and Rep. Miguel Zubiri," he said.

Nong Pedro said all he and his family could do was to cry because of helplessness. As much as they wanted to have it their way, they simply did not have the means to bring her body home.

The Managasi family lives in a decrepit house with a floor area of 150 square meters.

Nong Pedro, who works as a farm hand, earns about P80 per day which he uses to sustain a family of six. His wife Cerilita is paid P300 a month for janitorial work at the Barangay Hall.

Analiza was buried in Lucena City, three days after her death on March 29.

Nong Pedro said he had accepted the fact that they could not do anything to have her buried in their town.

But Nong Pedro said he wanted the baby home.

The baby, who is now more than two months old, remains under the care of the hospital where Analiza gave birth and died. But they could not contact the hospital because they do not even know its name.

Nong Pedro said they started to negotiate with Greenly Tapaling, a friend of Analiza's, who informed them of her death, about the need to bring home the baby, but they lost contact with her.

The family also does not know how to get in touch with a woman named Aling Helen, whose address in Purok 7, Sta. Teresa in Dalahican, Lucena City, was used by Analiza on several occasions.

Analiza's family is hoping that some people may be able to help them find the baby.

"We may be poor, but we can survive. We want to get the baby if only to show to Analiza that we really care and we will raise her child in whatever way we can," Nong Pedro said.

He said they would welcome any help, so the baby could be brought home.

"Whoever has the heart to help us, please do. We badly need it. You are our only hope to see the baby. Any help will do for as long as we get the baby," Nong Pedro said. *Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

THE MANAGASI family can be contacted through this correspondent at 09163410756.

Lift order against SARS, Church urged

LEGAZPI CITY—Offended when a seatmate refused to shake hands with him during last Sunday's mass, an official of a nongovernment organization appealed to the Catholic Church leadership to lift its order of non-joining of hands, as a measure to prevent the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

Ed Bitante, vice president of the Albay Provincial Development Council (Alprodev) Inc., said the Catholic Church's pronouncement is becoming outdated considering that the World Health Organization itself has declared the Philippines SARS-free.

"We feel offended sometimes when we try to shake or join hands and our seatmates refuse and ignore us," he said, sharing his experience during the singing of 'Our Father,' which is a solemn part of the mass.

He said he could not blame churchgoers for remaining aloof to each other as they are just obeying pronouncements by the church leaders.

But he pointed out, "the pastoral letter should be lifted since it's not an absolute necessity."

"It is also the responsibility of our church leaders," he said, "to keep themselves updated and make the necessary pronouncement so that everybody would cooperate."

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit announced that the country is now SARS-free. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

'Marcos son' dupes 38 victims of P2.8M

BAGUIO CITY—Police are looking for a man who claimed to be a son of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos and who had duped 38 people into issuing him P2.8 million in overseas recruitment fees.

But what has intrigued the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group here is that the 38 recruits of the man, who used the alias Stephen Chu, were apparently used as bait "to milk an even bigger fish."

A Baguio-based businesswoman complained that Chu promised recruits that he could facilitate their trip to the United States using an unnamed American embassy official. But no recruit received his or her visa, the complainant said.

Not all of Chu's recruits gave money, she said. Chu only asked them to stay for a week at a Quezon City hotel, to be shown off to "other clients" that the suspect had apparently been entertaining, she said.

Chu later disappeared, without returning the victims' passports. The only communication they received on June 10 came from one of Chu's employees, who said Marcos' alleged son had suddenly died from a kidney ailment in Los Angeles, where he was supposedly based.

An INQUIRER source said Chu had approached "people who desperately needed to migrate to America." Some of the victims had pending court cases or have been denied a US visa three times by the American embassy.

Chu claimed to be a California native, who is engaged in real estate. He went to the Philippines to "help desperate Filipinos get jobs in US."

He reportedly spent three months shuttling between Baguio and Manila to interview 20 Baguio-based recruits, and some 20 more from Manila, Pampanga and Laguna.

Among the recruits were a 60-year old retiree, a former Baguio waiter, and a couple who brought along their children at Chu's request. The group also included a one-year old toddler and several teenagers.

"He never identified himself as a Marcos son when he talked to many of us. That wasn't his attraction. He told us he had a John Smith in the US embassy who would process our visas without undergoing interviews or any other prerequisites. He told us we could pay him whatever we could shell out," a complainant said.

"I gave him P200,000 but I learned that other recruits gave him only P50,000. He didn't seem to mind if we could give him anything in return. Most of the recruits told me they never issued cash, only promissory notes."

But Chu made sure that all the recruits would converge on May 26 at a Quezon City hotel, where he and several of his guests were billeted.

Chu paid for the rooms, the complainant said, so the recruits spent their P10,000-travel money to buy food for the duration.

She said the recruits stayed at the hotel until June 3, when they were supposed to fly out of the country.

Chu had them fetched by a tourist bus. They were ferried to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport only to be turned back by a call from Chu, who said their trip "was being sabotaged."

But on the same day, the suspect flew off to California, according to Chu's employees.

The complainant said the recruits were asked to wait for a rescheduled flight on June 10.

Abandoned, the recruits rented rooms at the compound of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines from June 4 to 9.

The complainant said the recruits stayed at the chapel of the Jesus Christ is Coming ministry on June 10, to await two vans, which would ferry them to the Naia that day.

But when the vans did not arrive, the recruits took one of Chu's employees, Noel Galvez, with them to the Quezon City police to complain. The police, however, said they could not hold Galvez.

Galvez relayed Chu's last text message, which showed that the suspect had died on June 9 in Los Angeles. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Teens start new life after struggle with drugs

By Jeffrey P. Maningo
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ILIGAN CITY—At least seven teenagers from Iligan City and Cagayan de Oro City have started reshaping their future, after struggling against a bitter and hopeless life brought about by their addiction to drugs.

Lilia Dulay, acting director of the Prevention Education, Training and Information Services of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) in Northern Mindanao, said the teenagers have enrolled in various schools and colleges in the region after "graduating" from being drug abusers.

"One (of them) was able to get a Tesda (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) scholarship. Three, who have been admitted to the Special Employment for Students program, are also enrolling in high school. One has passed a placement exam (administered by) the Department of Education, while another one is ready for his first year in college," Dulay told the INQUIRER.

The former drug addicts' reentry into the mainstream of society was facilitated by the government's Programang Pangkabuhayan at Edukasyon Laban sa Droga (Palad), which DDB officials launched here last week.

Cesar Posada, DDB chief legal officer and acting director for administration, said Palad aims to strengthen drug-abuse prevention through education and livelihood programs. He said the program could become an effective way to rebuild the lives of thousands of drug victims nationwide.

Posada said DDB studies showed that the country has at least 4 million drug dependents.

"But the number could go up to 7 million if we include the undeclared results of our household surveys," Dulay said.

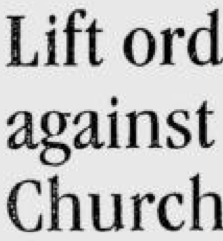
From drug awareness campaigns to increasing the financial capability of the community through livelihood opportunities, Palad aims to help in the government's thrust of alleviating poverty, the main cause of the country's drug problem.

"Solving drug addiction and drug-related problems entails going back to its roots because until we free our people from poverty, the drug dependence of our youth will never end," Iligan city police Senior Supt. Minoy Darimbang, said.

In Cagayan de Oro city, social workers and Palad organizers said they have coordinated with health officials to provide those still undergoing rehabilitation with nonformal education, vocational skills, academic programs, counseling and technical skills development.

"The whole program lasts for 2 years and 18 months for after care and 6 months for after residential care," a social worker told the INQUIRER.

Countdown for Justice



WAPILE

IT IS exactly 398 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

ROUNDUP

NPA rebels yield

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Three suspected New People's Army rebels surrendered while another was captured in Nueva Ecija on Friday, said Col. Jovenal Narcise, commander of the Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade. Narcise said Oliver Ordoñez alias "Ka Dennis," Rolando Mercado alias "Ka Orland," and Silverio Calunso alias "Ka Boy" surrendered to Army officials in Gabaldon town. Reports said the three men were members of the armed propaganda unit of the Nueva Ecija party committee. In General Natividad town, Army soldiers captured Wilfredo Gorospe alias "Ka Anton" during a raid in Barangay Talabutab Norte. Narcise said soldiers recovered a 9-mm pistol from Gorospe, 34, a suspected member of an NPA liquidation squad. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

DOLE exec nabbed

TUGUEGARAO CITY—A labor officer accused of extortion was arrested in an entrapment in Barangay Caritan Centro on Saturday. Lawyer Rustico Vejilla, regional director of the National Bureau of Investigation, said Minerva Calub, labor standards division inspector of the regional Department of Labor and Employment, was caught receiving P8,000 from Jomar Asuncion, a hardware owner in Solana, Cagayan. Reports said the money was intended to cover Asuncion's alleged violations of labor laws. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Thieves caught

BOCAUE, Bulacan—Police arrested at least eight people suspected of stealing goods from a convenience store in Barangay Binang 2nd on Wednesday. Arrested were Rowena Liwanag, Myrna Abuel, Roy Mendoza, Ruben Solis, Ruben Dacera, Alberto Baybayon, Edgardo Macasiar and Reynaldo Reyes. Supt. Robert Quenery, Bocaue police chief, said they recovered more than P5,000 worth of grocery items that the suspects allegedly took from a convenience store in the town. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Appeal for funds

SCIENCE CITY OF MUNOZ—President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the release of P30 million to complete the construction of the 17-kilometer Muñoz-Lupao Road which started in 1997. Muñoz Mayor Nestor Alvarez and his brother, former Mayor Efren Alvarez, in whose term the road construction was started, appealed to Ms Macapagal to release the fund. Former President Fidel Ramos released P25 million to start the project while then President Joseph Estrada released P30 million to continue the project. Only 11 km of the road were, however, completed. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Drug-using drivers

CALAPAN CITY—The Land Transportation Office has found 41 applicants to be shabu users for the past two-and-a-half years up to May. Another 14 applicants were confirmed marijuana users and two others were suspected marijuana users. The LTO also found 476 of 5,484 vehicles failed in its emission testing from Jan. 7 to June 9. The LTO said there were more failures during the first two months of emission testing and more complaints because of additional expenses. *Madonna T. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Youth scholars

CALAPAN CITY—Twenty-nine of 232 applicants passed the scholarship requirements of the Oriental Mindoro provincial government. Raquel Romero-Garcia, provincial information officer IV, said 27 of the qualifiers are female. Two slots were allotted for each town and this city and seven slots were allotted for the Mangyans. Five were filled up, representing five tribes. The two slots allotted for the tribes of Bangon and Taubuhid were not filled up because very few of them, if at all, graduated from the public high schools in the province. They took the same set of questions given to the Tagalogs since the National Commission on Indigenous People did not agree that they, being Mangyans, be given another set of examination. *Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Cop shoots trader

BATANGAS CITY—Police are hunting down one of their colleagues, a police officer who shot and killed a businessman. PO2 Mark Anthony Bugayong, 26, a policeman assigned at the 402nd Provincial Mobile Group, is now being hunted by his colleagues after Bugayong shot trader Arnel Macalindong on June 12 in Barangay Cuta. The victim was hit in the head and was rushed to the St. Patrick's Medical Hospital but died while being treated. Bugayong fled after the incident and is still at large. *Mel Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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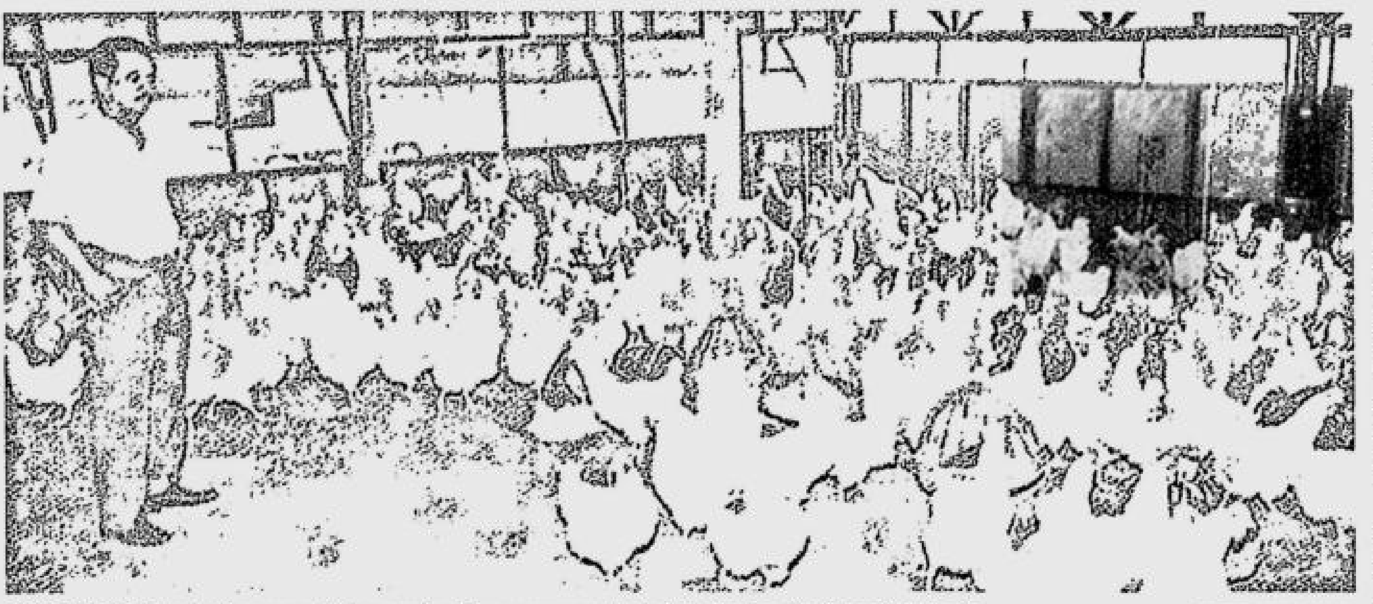

GOVERNOR Pax during one of the provincial government's kabir chicken livelihood projects CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

HE has one fervent wish in life—to see the day when no one among the people in his province would die without seeing a doctor.

Sultan Kudarat Gov. Pax Mangudadatu, 67, has been vigorously pursuing that dream. Until one day, he got that rare opportunity to fulfill what he has longed for.

In 1998, Mangudadatu won by a wide margin over his political rivals, most of them Christians, in one of the most hotly contested gubernatorial elections in the history of the predominantly Christian province.

Barely a year after assuming office, Mangudadatu broached the idea of buying a mobile hospital to serve even in the farthest barangays. Many opposed it, among them private doctors, who said it could mean a big cut in their income as the number of their clients would dwindle.

But the governor was determined. In 1999, he asked the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to set aside a budget for the purchase of the mobile hospital.

Free hospitalization

In the early part of 2000, the provincial government bought the state-of-the-art medical facility for P11 million. The mobile hospital, the first of its kind in Mindanao and maybe in the entire country, is equipped with modern medical apparatus, including laboratory and other facilities, operating tables and airconditioning units.

Everyday, except on weekends, the hospital goes around the province, reaching out to the poorest of the poor to deliver free medical services. The unique modular facility can also be configured to address different types of medical needs.

Patients can consult or engage the services of 12 government doctors who specialize in various fields of medicine. The medical practitioners, along with 13 aides, go where the mobile hospital goes.

Whenever it has a scheduled visit to a village, a convoy of vehicles announces the coming of the medical team. The hospital travels with two other vehicles—the mobile clinic, which attends to patients with minor ailments, and the mobile home, which serves as a "home away from home" for the doctors and medical attendants during the five-day mission.

On weekends, the hospital goes back to the provincial capitol for routine engine and maintenance check-up.

So far, more than 200,000 patients, most of them poor, have been served in the past three years. Aside from free health care, the patients are given free medicines and meals while undergoing treatment. In some instances, the provincial government had to spend P200,000 a day for patients who had to undergo major surgery.

This year, the province has allotted a P3-million budget for the purchase of medicines. It has also received more than P100,000 worth of medicines from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"The President has taken cognizance of this project. There were times when we ran out of funds. But if there's a will, there's a way. Trust in God, then be patient and resourceful, and you'll see there's always a solution to every problem," Mangudadatu said.

The mobile hospital is not only serving the people of Sultan Kudarat, but also those in neighboring places during emergencies.

At the height of the military siege on the Moro rebel stronghold at the Buliok Complex in Pikit, North Cotabato in February, the mobile hospital was brought there to help the evacuees. In fact, its timely arrival on Feb. 16 saved the life of a pregnant evacuee who gave birth through Caesarian operation.

The mobile hospital also helped save the lives of civilians maimed during the May 10 bombing in Koronadal City.

Mobile literacy program

Before the year ends, the province will launch another project, the Sultan Kudarat Mobile Literacy Program.

The province allocated P1.5 million for the project and acquired an airconditioned bus to be used as service vehicle of personnel tasked with implementing the said project.

"I will ask three preachers—a priest, a pastor and an *ulama*—to help us in this project. Three school teachers, each of them fluent in Ilonggo, Ilocano and Arabic, will also be hired," Mangudadatu disclosed.

The governor believes that the Moro insurgency can be addressed little by little if the Muslims, particularly those who could hardly afford to send their children to school, are given free education.

"One effective solution to the Mindanao problem is to give free education to poor but deserving Muslim children. It's hard to talk to unlettered Muslims. They hardly listen to logic," he said.

Once the mobile literacy program starts, the governor plans to make education compulsory to all Muslim children in Sultan Kudarat. He said he would reach out to the parents of out-of-school Muslim youth to convince their children to avail themselves of a free education.

"A man with wisdom and a full stomach would hardly think of fighting the government. But an ignorant man with an empty stomach will bite even the bullet," Mangudadatu said.

By doing this, the governor hopes to contribute something to the peace efforts of the government.

Livelihood projects

It's not enough that the people are getting free and efficient health services. Their nutrition, Mangudadatu said, should also be well taken care of.

To address this need, he embarked on the "Kabir" (hybrid chicken) and "itik" (duck) dispersal projects.

The number of Kabir chickens donated by a group of Masons to the provincial government has now doubled to 20,000. The governor himself spent his own money to buy 10,000 ducks.

"The Kabir livelihood project is producing 12,000 to 13,000 eggs every three days and the duck project produces 10,000 to 12,000 eggs every six days," he revealed. The eggs, he said, were being given free to poor families through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

"*Pag buhay, kailangang alagaan ang kalusugan. Para maging malusog kailangan may kabuhayan* (For them to live, we must take care of the people's health. To keep them healthy, we must look after their livelihood)," he said.

Indigents were also given a couple of ducks and Kabir chickens so they could start their own poultry.

Mangudadatu has bought incubators to hatch the eggs. And again, from his own pocket, he procured two delivery vans for the distribution of the eggs.

Soon, the poor families will also receive free rations of *hito* (catfish) from the governor. Hito breeding in his one-hectare farm started after the governor bought thousands of African and native catfish. Before the year ends, the hito rations would start.

Mangudadatu himself conceptualized the livelihood and food programs. He tapped the help of some friends and even spent his own money to make all the projects viable.

"These are very simple projects which require plain common sense. But it helps the people, particularly the poor, a lot," he said.

After the projects are well in place, the governor asked the provincial government to provide the feeds.

His equally laudable project is the "All-free" burial and funeral services to a departed member of poor families. The province extends P2,500-cash assistance to them, aside from providing a sack of rice and the free services of a funeral vehicle for burial ceremony.

Among the local government units in Central Mindanao, only Sultan Kudarat province is giving free health care, livelihood projects, funeral and burial services to poor residents.

Legacy

To Mangudadatu, politics is just a means not the end in itself. "Politics to me is a vocation, a sacrifice. You spend more than what you earned. But I'm happy that I was given the opportunity to serve the people. I consider this as blessing."

He is concerned more about the kind of his legacy to his children and the next generation—"a legacy of honest and untarnished public service, a legacy of being a man of the masses and a man for others."

"I want the people of Sultan Kudarat to remember me as a man who provided the poor with free health care, livelihood, funeral and burial services during my term of office," he said.

He said he was trying to do his best to prove to his fellow Muslims "that a Muslim governor can perform and can be an efficient leader."

Davao artist wins art contest

A DAVAO artist earned an international award for his "Lovers I" entry to the recent 9th Internet International Art/Photo Contest (IIAPC). Ega Carreon, 46, was named one of the 27 winners for Fineworks B category for his art work. He was the only winner from Southeast Asia.

"Lovers I," a work in acrylic, passed two inspections. Carreon's two other entries—"Lovers II" and "Regeneration"—did not make it to the second inspection. The three works were exhibited in Davao City in solo and group exhibitions last year.

Carreon is a founding member of Artisthood, a loose group of visual artists in Davao City. Three other members—Rodney Yap, Jun Pamisa and Bong Espinosa—passed the first inspection in the IIAPC.

Carreon was once a graphic designer and illustrator before he focused on painting. He has mounted solo shows in various galleries in the Philippines and has participated in both national and international art-related activities.

A self-taught artist, Carreon has won awards as a sculptor. He was a representative artist of the Philippines to the Asean Symposium on Painting and Photography. He has also received the Philippine/Asean Art Awards in 1998 and 1999, and was a finalist in the online competition by Dracoblu in Canada.

He has been featured in numerous national publications for his works. He is also among the few Filipino artists to win a Freeman fellowship award at the Vermont Studio Center in Vermont, USA.

The 9th IIAPC contest was participated in by 348 artists from 50 countries. The contest listed 81 applicants from Europe, 182 from Asia, one from Africa, seven from Oceania, and 76 from America.

In its website, the IIAPC counted 920 art pieces from 348 applicants. Of the total entries, 210 applicants and 389 art pieces passed the first examination.

Contest organizers said the judges chose one-third of all the works during the first examination.

The outstanding work was chosen during the second inspection.

Winners of the grand prize were "Feeling is mixed" by Go Hayakawa of Japan and "Prelude" of Sara from Mexico. Seven persons were chosen "Fine A" and 27 others, "Fine B."

The art pieces of the winners will be exhibited free for a year in the IIAPC world artist directory, "Art Who's Who of the World."

According to the IIAPC, the 20,000-yen prize was equivalent to the basic charge to exhibit works on its webpage for a year.

A yearly contest, the IIAPC accepts photographs, including paintings (oil, water color, pastel, acrylic, drawing in India ink, illustration and others), print, sculpture, craft, solid and CG (computer-generated) art.

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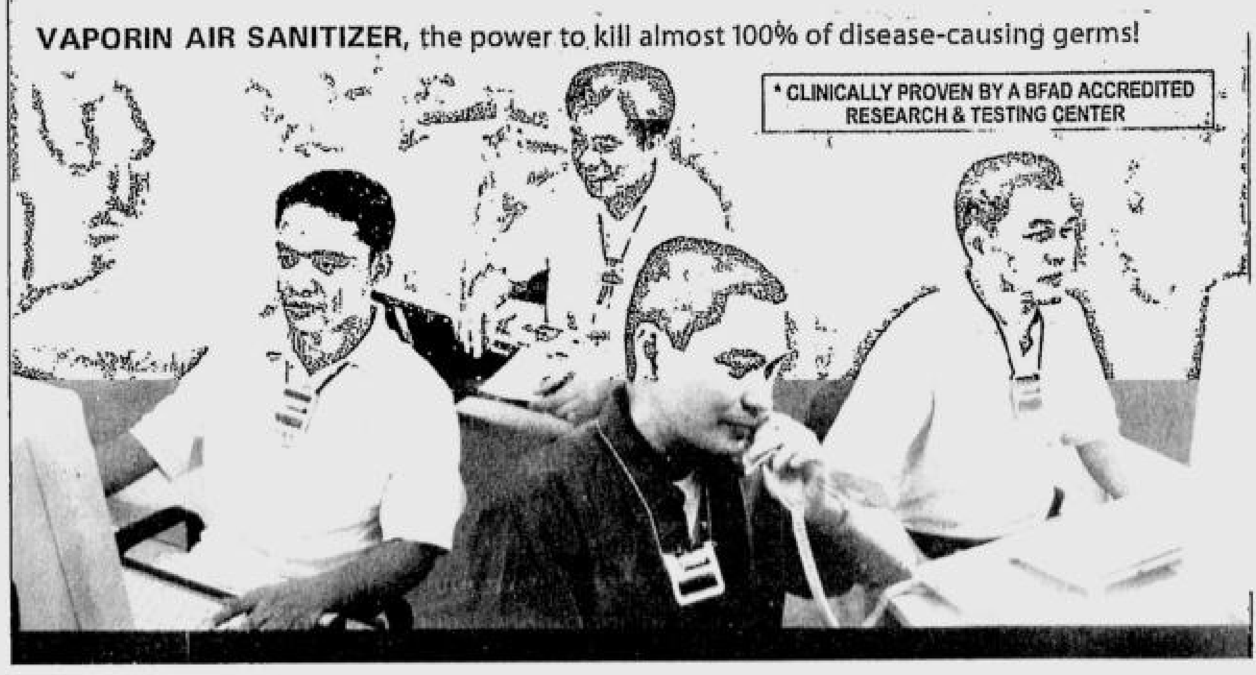

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Rene Cayetano begets a brave family

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WIFE Sandra says that every day is now a treasure for the family, and every little thing becomes important.
ERIK ARAZAS

"It will always be an emotional burden to any organ recipient, no matter how noble the intention is," he said.

But in gratitude for the new lease on life, he said, "definitely there will be changes ... maybe in my lifestyle or my priorities."

Cayetano's other experience, which he said would influence him for the rest of his days, took place way before the surgery.

At the apartment in Pasadena that his family was then renting, he said, "a powerful force, a flash of bright light, tossed me back on my bed." It was before dawn of Christmas Day last year, and he was then taking his first steps to the bathroom.

"God ... has shown Himself to me, *pare*," he said, tears flowing.

He compared the flash of light to a high-speed train passing through his bedroom—"the fastest thing I've seen."

'Why me?'

Taguig-Pateros Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano swore he also partly felt the "force" his father had just described.

Allan recalled that he went to bed—the living room couch—after the family shared an early Noche Buena. But at around 3 a.m., he was jolted from sleep by a force so strong that it flung his body off the couch and onto the floor.

He said he could not immediately stand up and had to "crawl" just as he was hearing his dad loudly addressing someone in the bedroom.

"Why me? Why me?" he said he heard his dad saying. This was followed by "Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

Cayetano said that in the three days after the episode, he was crying and unable to verbalize what he saw and felt. But he has since interpreted it as a sign that God had a "message" for him.

He said all he could utter in the face of the bright light was "Why me?" because he considered himself unworthy of the experience, being an ordinary politician and not all that religious.

"I'm still trying to figure out the message," he said. "Perhaps it's about something I have to do if I were to be given a second chance in life."

That second chance, courtesy of the liver transplant, did come six weeks later.

All volunteers

The senator was put on a "waiting list" for donors shortly upon arriving in the United States in October last year.

All four Cayetano children volunteered the moment it became clear that only a live organ donor could save their father.

The doctors immediately turned down the eldest child, Pia, and the second child, Allan, because of medical and other factors. (Pia was taken off the list outright because she has children.)

It was Rene Carl, the third child and currently a Muntinlupa councilor, who initially emerged as the fittest candidate. He underwent screening for almost four months.

At the time Cayetano "knew" it was going to be "Ren-ren" because the son insisted on doing it despite his dad's objections.

"*Dinaan sa tigas ng ulo*" was how his siblings would now fondly describe Ren-Ren's stubbornness.

"I'm sure any one in that situation, if given a chance, will also do it," Ren-Ren said.

But by January the final tests on Ren-Ren also ruled him out.

It was then that the senator, growing weaker by the day, asked his family not to let him know who the prospective donor would be.

Sandra said she fully understood her husband's appeal. "It is very traumatic [for a patient] to know who exactly the donor is," she said.

Lino, a budding filmmaker and a sports buff like his sister Pia, then stepped forward.

"There was no debate whatsoever in my head," Lino said, although like Ren-ren he admitted harboring some fears because he had never undergone major surgery before.

He said he tried to contain his tension by playing "numb, as if God took away my emotions."

"My mother observed how I became almost oblivious to everything, neither happy nor sad," he said.

Under the knife

Minutes before the operation, Cayetano asked his wife and children, then surrounding his bed, where Lino was.

The family thought of a clever excuse: Lino had just caught a cold and was thus not allowed to enter the sterilized room. Actually, Lino was in another room, being prepared for his own operation.

Cayetano was the first to go under the knife. Two hours later, after the father's operation established that it was safe to proceed, the surgeons worked on the son.

The procedure lasted three-fourths of the day for Lino, and a whole day for his dad, Sandra recalled.

About her mother, Pia said: "She's a brave woman, but I still think [the experience] was too much for a mother and wife. She could not say no [to the organ donation] because it was for her husband, but she could not also say 'go ahead' because the donor was her child."

Speaking with the INQUIRER outside her family's presence, Sandra herself reached the verge of tears when told of how her daughter viewed her ordeal.

"I know," she said. "I should not weigh [the father-or-son issue] like that. It was the hardest part especially when the doctors, even only during checkups, would tell us that they've had healthy patients dying on the operating table. They said that over and over and over."

Cayetano was told that it was Lino two days after the operation. The revelation, which Sandra said was also witnessed by the Filipino hospital staff attending to the senator, left all 15 people in the room teary-eyed.

One day at a time

The family will "take it one day at a time, discern what God's will is, rather than set timetables," Allan said when asked how long the senator's recovery could take.

Sandra, an author of children's books, said: "Every day for us now is a treasure, a permanent vacation where little things become important."

Out of the experience has emerged a deeper spiritual life for the family, she said.

"Before this," she said, "I and the children were considered the religious ones in the family, and Dad was the one lagging behind, so to speak. But now he's the one leading us."

To Cayetano, what his family did for him, along with what he considers a close divine encounter, "surely made me more conscious of Him and whatever it is that He now wants me to do."

And even after hearing Cayetano speak of the "emotional burden" of knowing the identity of the organ donor, Lino paid tribute to his old man: "I know in my heart that my dad would have done the same thing for his own parents."

Fr. Joe D: Doing doubly well as father

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Father Joe handed over P2,000 for whatever purpose it would serve and took the baby. He wanted to save his life. The baby was a few months short of his first birthday but he was so small, so sick.

"I brought him to the local hospital," Father Joe narrates. "He stayed there for a week or so. The pediatrician was a parishioner whom I knew well. She said that a week more without medical care and the baby would have died. He was suffering from severe malnutrition. His eyes were bulging, his stomach was so big and he was not moving at all. When the baby was discharged, the doctor continued to come to the convent to examine and look after the baby. It was a challenge for her to make the baby survive."

Namesake

Of course, Father Joe was the one who baptized the infant who was to become his son and namesake. "His full name is Jose Alfredo T. Dizon," the priest says. "Jose, that's my name, and Alfredo is the name of a friend from way back."

When things got a bit settled, Father Joe tried to find out more about the baby's case history. He learned that John-John was the youngest of six children of a very poor couple and that, later, one or two more children were born after him. He knows the identity of John-John's parents. "I even learned that his parents had named him Christian. I wanted to know all these so that later, I would be able to give John-John information." Father Joe also keeps a family photo of John-John's blood family where he is shown being held by his birth mother. That was before John-John was given up for adoption.

When John-John grows up and asks about his background he will not be facing a blank wall. Father Joe keeps things that would help bolster his son's identity and self-worth. "He has a baby book with all the information, like his vaccination, his hand prints, etc." He took his role seriously early on. "I even read books on how to raise a child," he chuckles.

Chosen ones

He tells this writer: "You remember the series you wrote on that young man who was adopted by a rich family and who later searched for his birth mother who was, coincidentally, also searching for her son? And then they were reunited? I clipped that article and kept it. When John-John grows up I'd like him to read that." Father Joe would like his son to know the meaning of parental love, that adopted children are special, chosen ones.

One of the first words John-John learned as a child was the word *ampon* (adopted) minus the stigma attached, Father Joe says. "I would ask him, *Ano ka ni Father?* (You are Father's what?) and he would answer with glee, 'Ampon!' We would applaud to celebrate the correctness of his answer. We wanted to give the word a positive meaning."

Father Joe reflects on his "fatherhood" and says that having a vow of celibacy, he was not inclined to search for intimate and affective affirmation from someone.

"When I took John-John, it was not an expression of fatherly instinct. It was not out of personal need on my part but more of a a response to a situation. It was for the good of the baby. I wanted to develop this person."

Being unmarried and a priest, Father Joe imagined difficulty in legally adopting John-John, so he discussed things with his brother and sister-in-law who had children of their own. Could they be John-John's legal parents? The Dizon family agreed. Father Joe was, of course, going to be the de facto father.

Church policy

And were there church policies on situations like this: "As far as I know there are two other priests in this diocese who have raised adopted children. So far no one has questioned this." Unlike religious priests, nuns and brothers (who belong to congregations and adhere to rules under their superiors) diocesan priests like Father Joe serve under a bishop and have more elbow room. They have their share of difficulties though.

Father Joe belongs to the Imus diocese in Cavite (under Bishop Chito Tagle) where he used to be parish priest. He now works full-time as executive director of the diocesan Workers Assistance Center (WAC). "The diocese has recognized the need for ministry among workers and so I have been freed of parish duties to minister in the labor sector." Cavite is part of the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) industrial zone where multinational companies manufacture goods and where tens of thousands of workers from all over the country have flocked to earn a living. This once bucolic Southern Luzon area is now an industrial hub with its share of social problems.

Familiar figure in rallies

A familiar figure in street protests and human rights-related activities since the 1980s, Father Joe, 54, is the spokesperson of Plunderwatch and Kairos. He was active in the September 21 Movement that mounted protests for the ouster of former President Joseph Estrada.

The soft-spoken Father Joe had been known to push things to the edge. He was among the 1970s seminarians who left the Manila archdiocese's seminary to protest the expulsion of fellow seminarians. That was during the time of the late Rufino Cardinal Santos. Father Joe and a few others were taken in by the late Bishop Felix Perez who was then head of the Imus diocese. Father Joe was ordained in 1973.

Three years ago, when the INQUIRER visited the Cavite labor zone and WAC, John-John was a bright-eyed 4-year-old tyke always tugging at the shirt of "Father," running as fast as he could to meet him whenever he arrived. Father and son were then living in the spacious, new workers' center in Carmona where staffers played surrogate mothers when Father Joe was not around. Now they live in a regular house in Bacoor. A female househelp looks after John-John when his father is away and there are always the solicitous neighbors to take him in when he is alone. "The barangay center is in front of our house," Father Joe assures.

John-John has grown taller, his dimples on both cheeks have become more pronounced. Dark and good-looking, he could pass for a South Asian boy. At eight, he is still unabashedly affectionate, snuggling close to Father and giving him hugs. His special wants are toys and computer games and he has a way of asking for them. "Der," he tells Father Joe, "*pag may pera ka na puedeng bumili ng* Wolverine and Cyclops?" His favorites are Dead or Alive, Harry Potter and X-men Evolution."

Travails of single parent

There had been rough times. "Now I know what single parents go through," Father Joe reflects. "It was difficult some three years ago, when we were so busy with the oust-Erap campaign. There was a time when I had to leave John-John with my brother's family (his "legal" family). I was on a sabbatical leave then. I would pick him up at the end of the week so we could be together during the weekend. He would cry and cling to me whenever I would bring him back. I guess he was lonely there because my nephews were much older. He was in kindergarten then and his classes finished early and found himself without peers. But he was quite close to my niece who was the eldest."

When school opens tomorrow, John-John will be in second grade at the Love Learning School in Bacoor. "It's walking distance from our house," Father Joe says. He has bought John-John all that he needs for school. "I also bought him a new pair of rubber shoes. He chose an orange pair. I also bought a new bag with rollers. I don't like a back-pack as it is too heavy for a child." TV-viewing will be limited during school days and the PlayStation will not be in full use.

Father Joe has always prepared John-John's breakfast and *baon* whenever he could. "I am a good cook," the priest proudly says.

The father is amazed at how his son has become so independent and confident. "He takes a bath, put his clothes on without assistance. When he goes home from school he knows what to do. I can even leave him in a mall to play games while I go somewhere for a meeting. He knows where we would meet." John-John, with Father Joe's advice, was the one who decided on what school to attend.

John-John, his father proudly says, can bike, swim, skate. John-John loves to draw. He has attended classes in art and musical theater where his talents have emerged. "They staged 'Pinocchio' at the end," his father says. "John-John played one of the villagers. I want to build up his confidence and develop his skills."

But there was a time when Father was worried. Father Joe relates: "He received honors when he was in pre-school but in Grade 1 he became distracted and his grades were not as good. He had tantrums too. I think that was when I was so busy. It was also difficult when I was full-time in the parish and I would go to the barrios. Sometimes I had to bring him along. Maybe there were times when he felt insecure, especially when some of my grandnephews would come, one of whom was about his age. John-John would ask, 'Father, love *mo ako?*' I would assure him, *'Oo, love ka ni Father.* 'Once I asked him if he was jealous of someone and he answered, 'No, *malaki na ako* (I'm grown up now.) Now he's so sure of himself."

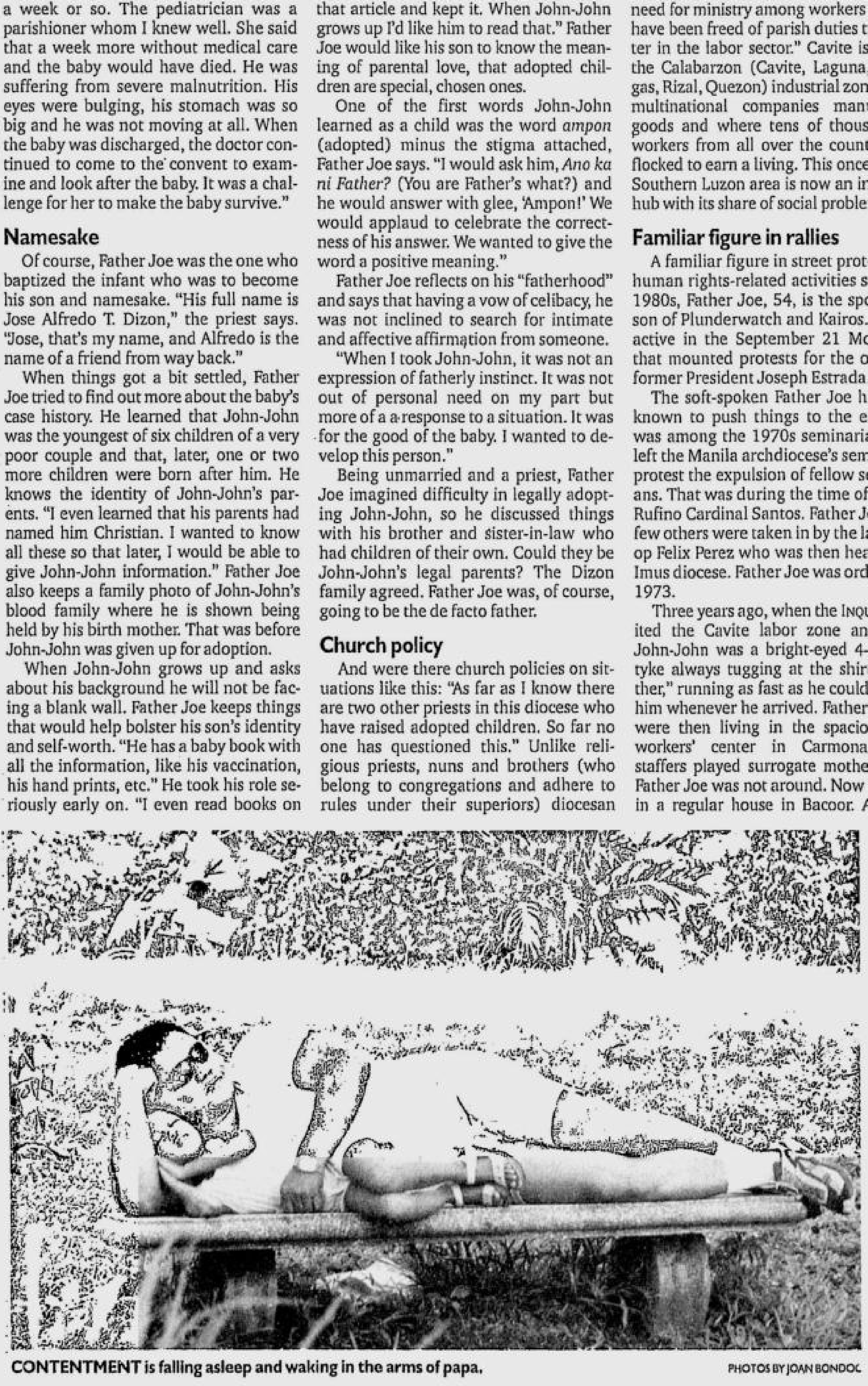
Confusing experience

John-John had a confusing school-related experience Father Joe cannot forget. "Their topic in class was the family and the kids were asked to bring a photo of their mother. What moved me was the fact that he waited for me till I arrived late at night to ask me what he was going to do. I told him, 'You have a mama, don't you?' And I gave him the photo of my sister-in-law whom he calls Mama. Then he was happy. I make it a point to talk to his teachers to explain." John-John calls his "legal parents" (Father Joe's brother and sister-in-law) *"ang kunyari kong tatay at nanay*(Pretend mother and father)."

John-John has an idea about Father Joe's father's activities. He sees him sometimes on TV. "I had brought him to the peace rallies," he says. The boy loves to tag along. At an early age, he has been exposed to many and varied ways of living a life. "All I want for him is to become independent, to be able to stand on his own," his father says. No, John-John would not like to follow in his Father's footsteps. "I'd like to be a sumo-wrestler who is also a doctor," he says, insisting that it could be done.

Father Joe often rehearses a scene with his adopted son when he finally meets his birth parents. What will he say? John-John answers, 'I will tell them, I love you, thank you for giving me up so I could have a better life.'"

Father Joe muses: "I have tried my best to give him a family." It may not be the most conventional, but a happy one at least. A place, a time, a precious space, where this one special person could grow in wisdom and in grace.



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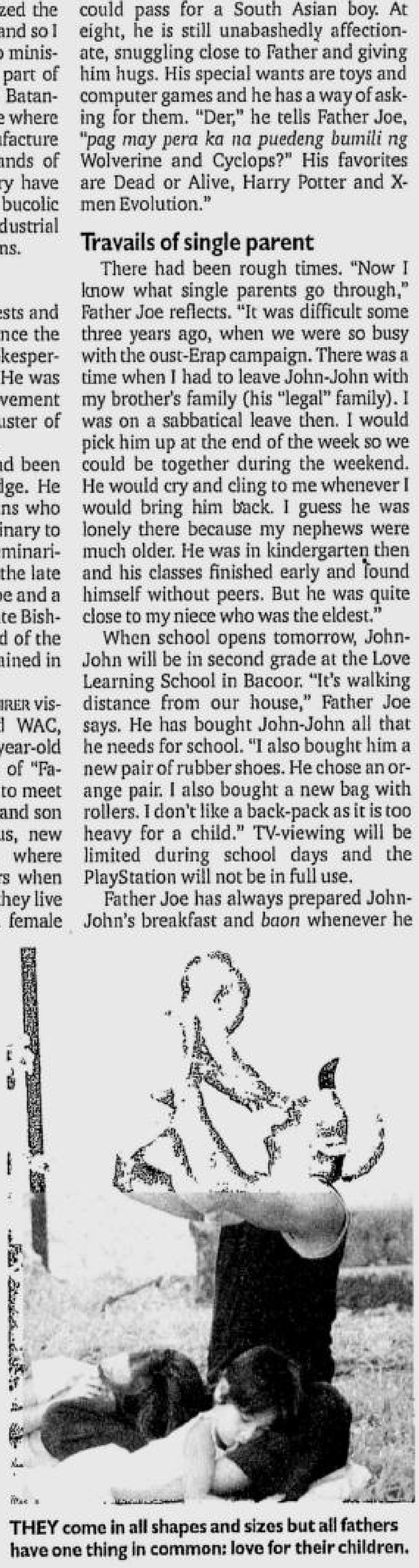

THEY come in all shapes and sizes but all fathers have one thing in common: love for their children.

'Peace talks need MILF chief' Salamat

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MILF's formal request for the resumption of the peace talks.

"Most of this is unknown to the public," De Villa confirmed. "The President is waiting for the MILF's response to her preconditions, not from their spokesman."

Kabalu, however, said in a phone interview that back-channeling efforts had stopped.

During her visit here Friday, Ms Macapagal told reporters that she wanted the MILF to comply with her preconditions before the peace talks could resume.

She said the MILF should show sincerity, remorsefulness and genuine goodwill.

The peace talks were suspended after MILF members attacked Siocon town in Zamboanga del Norte in April.

The MILF admitted that some of its members committed wrongdoing in launching the attack. But it refused to surrender those responsible.

"They should discipline their ranks and see to it that no terrorist activities or acts shall occur from within the organization," De Villa said.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Francis Ricciardone reiterated his government's support to the President's peace and development efforts in Mindanao.

He said the United States would continue to provide financial aid to the Philippines so that poverty, seen as the main cause of the Moro rebellion, would be eased.

'Put it in writing'

Kabalu said the government should first "put in writing" its proposal for a permanent ceasefire and course this through the Malaysian government.

"That's the only way we can respond to it," he said.

He also said there was so far no "formal venue" to discuss the proposal because the talks between the two camps had been suspended and back-channel efforts stopped.

The Malaysian government recently committed to broker the talks on the sidelines of a summit this month in Japan on the future of Asia.

The President had said that the government preferred a permanent ceasefire instead of what she called an "installment peace." She was referring to the extended "unilateral ceasefire" declared by the separatist group.

On Wednesday night the MILF extended its ceasefire by 10 more days, or until June 22, in response to an appeal from the Malaysian government.

Kabalu, however, argued that the government's proposed "permanent ceasefire" appeared to be "unrealistic, unattainable and irrelevant."

"There's no such thing as permanent ceasefire; there can only be permanent peaceful settlement," he said, pointing out that if both camps would set a realistic goal, it would be "to strengthen the earlier ceasefire agreement."

The government and the MILF forged a ceasefire agreement, but this was shattered when the military launched an operation on Buliok Complex, the MILF's main stronghold, in February in pursuit of Pentagon kidnap gang suspects.

Kabalu also pointed out that what the MILF declared was a suspension of military action (Soma), and not ceasefire, as reported.

"We had an existing ceasefire agreement before Feb. 11. Until now, there's no effort to return to this," he said.

Despite the Soma, he said, MILF guerrillas could still engage government troops if attacked.

Kabalu also denied the report that troops belonging to the MILF's special operations group clashed with soldiers in Midsayap, North Cotabato, on June 12, hours after the MILF hierarchy announced the truce extension.

He said Commander Samal Masgal, the alleged leader of the rebels involved in the skirmish, was not a member of the MILF.

"His group is notorious for cattle-rustling in the predominantly Muslim area. He has not been a member of the MILF for a single second. You can check that with your correspondent," Kabalu said. *With a report from TJ Burgonio in Manila*

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Only 1 peace sanctuary, Tabang clarifies

TABANG Mindanaw yesterday clarified that only one "Sanctuary of Peace" was declared Friday in Maguindanao, not several more in at least four towns, as reports including the INQUIRER's June 14 banner may have conveyed.

Howard Dee, co-chair of the multisectoral humanitarian group, said the declaration was "limited" to Barangay Inug-ug in the town of Pagalungan. He said the latest "mutual assurance" made by the military and Moro rebels that they would keep their forces away from a peace sanctuary was "given to Inug-ug alone."

Dee made the clarification after an INQUIRER report on Friday regarding the peace declaration in Inug-ug cited a supposed letter from Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim saying his fighters would also stay away from the rest of Pagalungan and three more Maguindanao towns—Pagagawan, SK Pendatun and Datu Paglas.

"As a clarification of media reports, the Sanctuary of Peace launched on June 13 was limited to Barangay Inug-ug, for which we have received assurances from both the government and the MILF that there will be no combat operations conducted therein," Dee said in a faxed statement.

"As correctly stated by President Macapagal-Arroyo, the Sanctuaries of Peace are declared not by any party except by the communities themselves," he said.

Dee nevertheless said that Tabang Mindanaw hoped to "extend this process soon to 11 other barangays of Pagalungan, Pagagawan and Pikit," covering about 5,000 families.

Tabang Mindanaw will assist the government in rehabilitation and peace building.

Inug-ug is the group's 43rd sanctuary and the first to be established after the new outbreak of conflict this year, Dee said. *Volt Contreras*

Dreamer, 55, goes . . .

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tives to support her family and pay for her school expenses.

"I hope students who are sent to school by their parents realize that they are better off than I am. They should not squander the opportunity given them and they should take their studies seriously," she said in Filipino.

Feeling inferior

Of Mangalos' six children—three by a first husband who died in 1980 and three by her second husband who is now paralyzed—one earned a degree in criminology. Three completed secondary education, one is now in high school and another is in elementary school.

Although weighed down by a myriad of problems of everyday living, Mangalos nevertheless nurtured her dream of finishing an education course.

Mangalos failed to pursue a college education because her two siblings were supporting the rest of their family of 10 children. Their parents had died when Mangalos was barely 3.

Mangalos said she had always felt inferior whenever she met her three former classmates who had also wanted to become teachers. The three were able to finish college and had been teaching in public schools for many years now.

Prayer answered

Mangalos kept praying for a miracle.

Then one day she learned about a college scholarship program initiated by Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III. The program, carried out in coordination with the CLSU, was meant to provide assistance to poor but deserving students in earning a degree.

The program offered night classes in sub-centers in the province. One of them was in Talavera town.

In 2000, Mangalos took the scholarship examination, and easily passed it. After one year of study in the sub-center, she took another examination so she could enroll in the CLSU College of Education. She placed fifth in that entrance examination.

After she graduates from college in April, Mangalos said she will attend review classes for the licensure examination for teachers, scheduled to be given in August next year. She will also take the career professional examination given by the Civil Service Commission, and then will apply for a teaching job.

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The illness of the students, teachers or other school employees who are sent home should be followed up. As soon as signs of pneumonia is detected, the patient should be confined in a SARS referral hospital.

The SOP should also include the persons who will be responsible for teaching parents, students and others about SARS, and the other school activities on SARS prevention and control.

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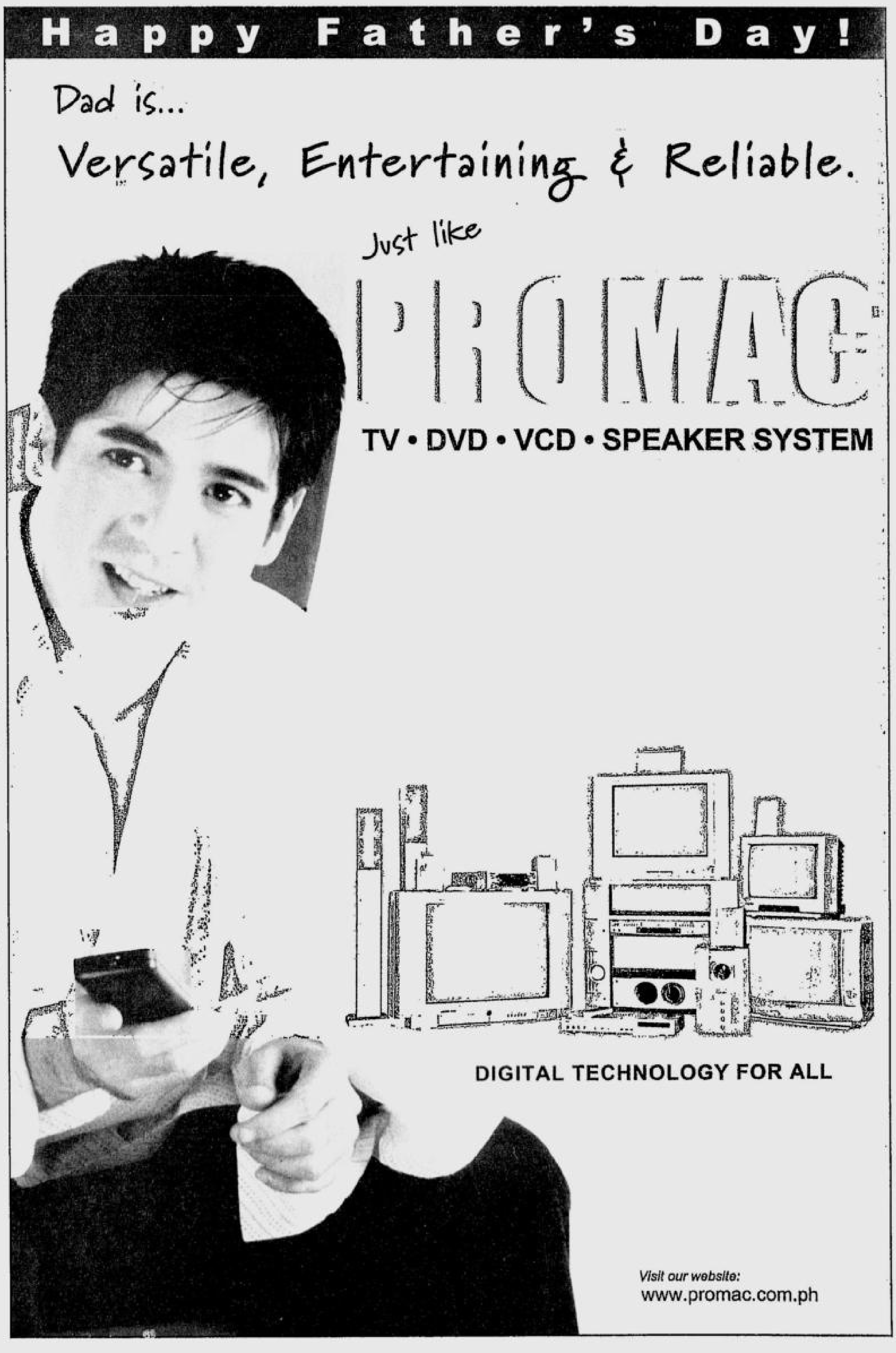
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Bacani accuser seeks justice, respect

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The counselor also said the woman was feeling sorry that she could not control what has been coming out in the media about Bacani.

In the letter, the woman expressed deep gratitude to those "who have a high regard for justice and respect for the rights of every individual," those "who had been praying for the good of all," and those who were with her on her "journey."

She also assured those worrying about her: "I am well and in a place where I can move and think according to my own will."

Unconditional support

Mayor Marino Morales, president of the Pampanga Mayors League, aired its "unconditional support" for Bacani, a native of Guagua town.

"Bishop Bacani has been a great spiritual adviser to our national leaders," the mayor said. "He has devoted his life to the Church and has never been dragged into any controversy. He is one Kapampangan we must be proud of and who we should support in times of such trials."

Pampanga Board Member Mark Lapid, president of the Association of Barangay Captains of Pampanga, said his group was likewise supporting Bacani.

Lapid, son of Gov. Manuel Lapid, said the accusation against the bishop was "not very easy to believe."

"We have known Bishop Bacani to be one of the pillars of the Catholic Church. His contributions to the Church and society cannot be belittled. He is a role model for Kapampangan priests," Lapid said.

He also said critics should be careful in judging Bacani because the accusation against him has yet to be proven.

Morales and Lapid added that they believed in the integrity of the Church despite the "isolated" cases of sexual misconduct involving priests.

Priestly support

In Calamba City, Fr. Robert Reyes said priests supporting one another was among the important responses to the current crisis besetting the clergy.

Speaking before priests and pastors from various dioceses in Mindanao who gathered for their 12th Annual Reunion, Immersion and Reflection at the Montevista Hot Spring Resort, Reyes said he admired the group's decision to assemble and share their experiences, insights and shortcomings with one another.

He said this practice should be emulated by all priests because it would serve as an opportunity for them to help one another, particularly those in deep need of guidance and support.

During the open forum, the priests said this year's gathering of Batch 1988 of the Saint Francis Xavier Regional Major Seminary in Davao City was held to commemorate the gruesome murder of their classmate, Fr. Nerilito Satur of Malaybalay, Bukidnon.

They said Satur, seminary student president and environmentalist, was killed on Oct. 14, 1991.

Reyes praised the 15 priests, part of the 35-member Batch 88, for organizing the reunion on June 9-11.

The theme of the reunion was "Priests' Fellowship with the Katagalugans and Manilans."

Among the activities prepared for the reunion was a concelebrated Mass, fellowship/interaction and cultural exchange with the parish of Our Lady's Nativity in Pangil, Laguna. *With reports from Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

List of bets to succeed Sin now in Rome

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE SUCCESSOR of Jaime Cardinal Sin as Manila archbishop will be chosen according to his character or personal integrity, competence as proven by education and leadership capabilities, and commitment and loyalty to the Catholic Church.

This was disclosed by Fr. Anton Pascual, spiritual director of the charismatic communities in the Archdiocese of Manila, who also said the list of candidates should be in the hands of the Vatican by now.

The endorsement of Sin himself will bear weight on the nomination, Pascual told the INQUIRER in a recent interview at the San Carlos Seminary in Makati City. But there is also "respect for seniority" in the Church hierarchy, and archbishops are more likely to be considered although there are no hard and fast rules on this, he said.

Pascual said Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas, Sin's private secretary and spokesperson, was generally perceived as having "a very special place in the cardinal's heart."

He said many priests and lay people did not perceive Bishop Teodoro Bacani, a product of the San Jose Seminary, as "a contender."

Bacani was just given a diocese—Novaliches—early this year, which means he is not likely to be moved again as archbishop of Manila, Pascual said.

"Rome will not be that feeble in its ecclesiastical judgment," said Pascual, who is also vice president for operations of the Catholic-run Radio Veritas. "That's not how the Church moves people; there's permanency."

Pascual also sought to quell speculation that the sex scandals lately hounding the Church were linked to the competition for the choice post. The speculation is that the controversies involving Bishops Bacani and Crisostomo Yalung would surely benefit Villegas.

"There is definitely no rivalry in the Church, although there are preferences based on friendships and the schools where the priests were reared," he said.

Favorite

Pascual said Villegas was the obvious favorite of those who graduated from San Carlos Seminary, alma mater of many Metro Manila priests.

The Dominican-bred Archbishop Oscar Cruz, former president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, and Bishop Leonardo Legaspi of Caceres are also touted to be "in the running."

The Jesuit-run San Jose Seminary has also produced many potential successors, among them the Cotabato-based Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, current CBCP president, Lipa Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, and Imus Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle.

"Of course, the priests are more inclined to nominate those who come from their schools or those they personally know," Pascual said.

He said Metro Manila-based bishops and archbishops could have the edge because they know the political, cultural and economic environment of the Archdiocese of Manila.

Experience in urban ministries will be a very important factor as well, he said.

"But as you know, the Church is not a democratic institution," he said. "Eventually it is still the Pope who will decide, and he can appoint anyone."

Pascual, however, noted that Sin—who will turn 75, the retirement age, in August—appeared to be willing to continue as Manila archbishop.

"He wants to continue if he can," Pascual said. "What prevents him is his health, but given the chance, he is still very committed and zealous."

Consultations

Pascual said Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco had already asked priests, bishops and lay people for names of Sin's prospective successors.

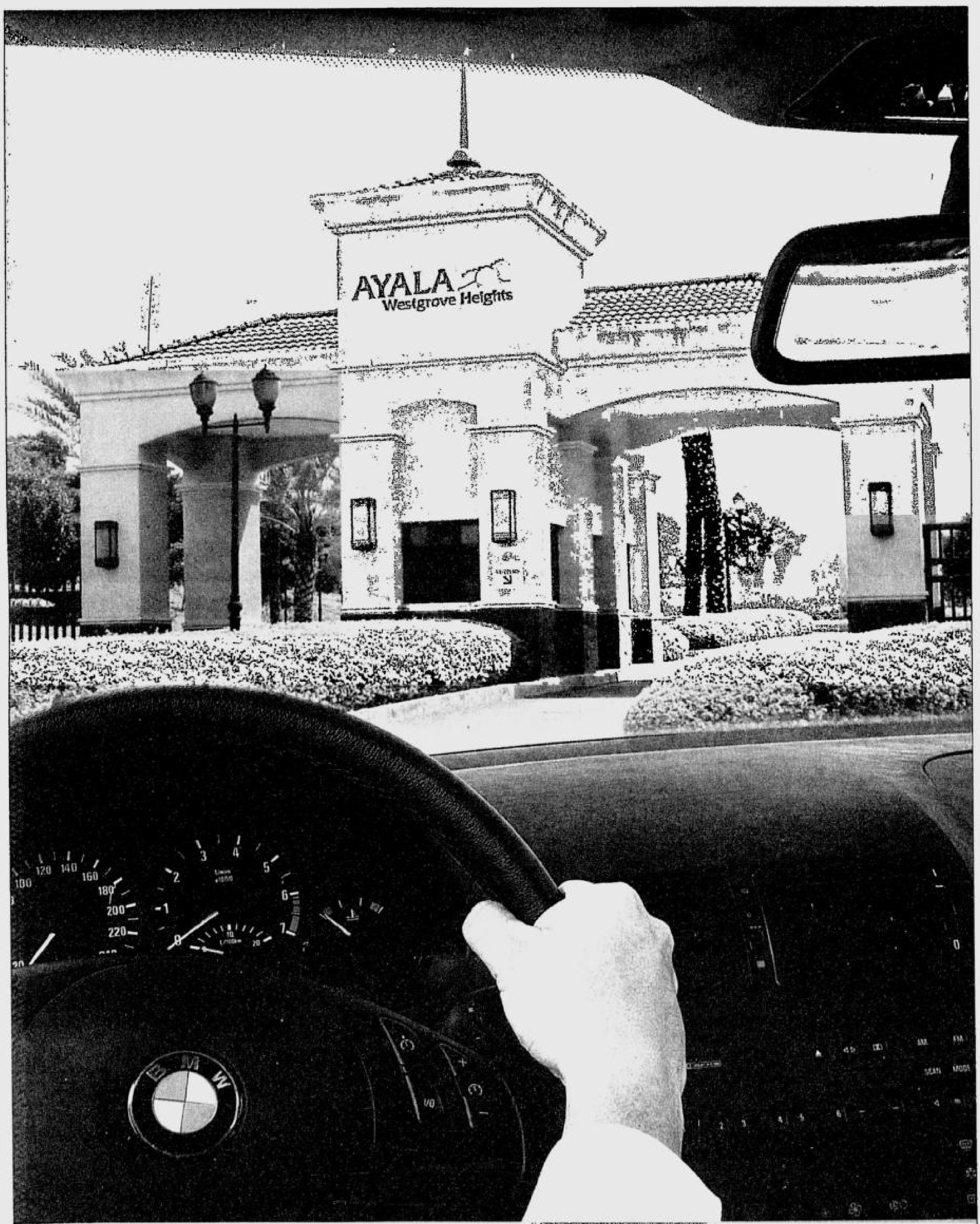
The Catholic leaders present during the "consultations" that started late last year and ended early this year said the list would "surely" have been submitted to Rome by this time.

It is said that only Franco knows who the nominees are and their qualifications.

"This is the human side of the decision-making" on appointments to Church posts, Pascual said, adding that the other and more important aspect involves prayer and discernment.

He said priests were asked to observe a holy hour during the consultations to pray for wisdom in the Vatican's choice of the next Manila archbishop.

The Vatican is also expected to announce soon the creation of new archdioceses in Cubao, Caloocan and Pasig. The three cities are still part of the Archdiocese of Manila, which covers the nine million Catholic population of Metro Manila, except Parañaque and Novaliches.



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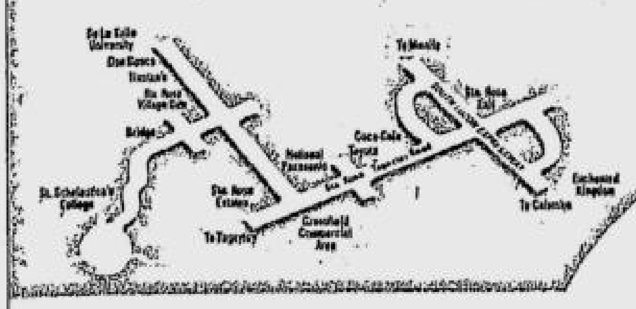

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Upset stomach does not upset GMA's schedule in Mindanao

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7-day Mindanao tour.

At least 10 other members of her entourage, including Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza, were unable to get up from their hotel beds in Iligan City.

"I couldn't bear it (the pain) anymore and I called up my sister to give me some medication," Dureza told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

He suspected they had eaten bad food at dinner in Zamboanga City on Thursday at the Southern Command headquarters.

Dureza said health authorities in Zamboanga City should investigate the incident because the meat served during dinner there might have been contaminated with the deadly salmonella bacteria.

He said he began feeling pain in his stomach as soon as the presidential party left Zamboanga City on Friday for Cotabato City.

GMA not eating

"We noticed that the President had not eaten today because of a bad stomach," he said.

Dureza said Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman was among those who were downed. When pressed for the names of the other stricken officials, Dureza declined.

The INQUIRER stumbled upon the incident when it asked Dureza why he was not present at the briefing in Iligan City in connection with Ms Macapagal's Mindanao Natin project.

Despite feeling unwell, the President yesterday kept up with her schedule visiting Barangay Maladeg, a peace zone in Sultan Gumander in Lanao del Norte.

There, she led the groundbreaking ceremony for a coastal road linking Lanao del Sur to the Zamboanga provinces. The Kuwaiti government is funding the P1.5-million coastal road.

Ms Macapagal proceeded to Marawi City, where she spoke before some 5,000 teachers at the Jamaitul College.

During her speech, Ms Macapagal acknowledged the lack of facilities for public schools but she said the government was trying its best to address the problem.

She also pledged P40 million to fund additional school buildings in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Today, Ms Macapagal and her entourage will have a full day's rest in Iligan City, where she spent some of her childhood days.

On Monday, she will deliver a message for the city's 53rd Charter Day celebration.

Mayor Franklin Quijano said that after her speech, Ms Macapagal will grace the formal launching of the government's distance learning program here. *With a report by Jeffrey P. Maningo, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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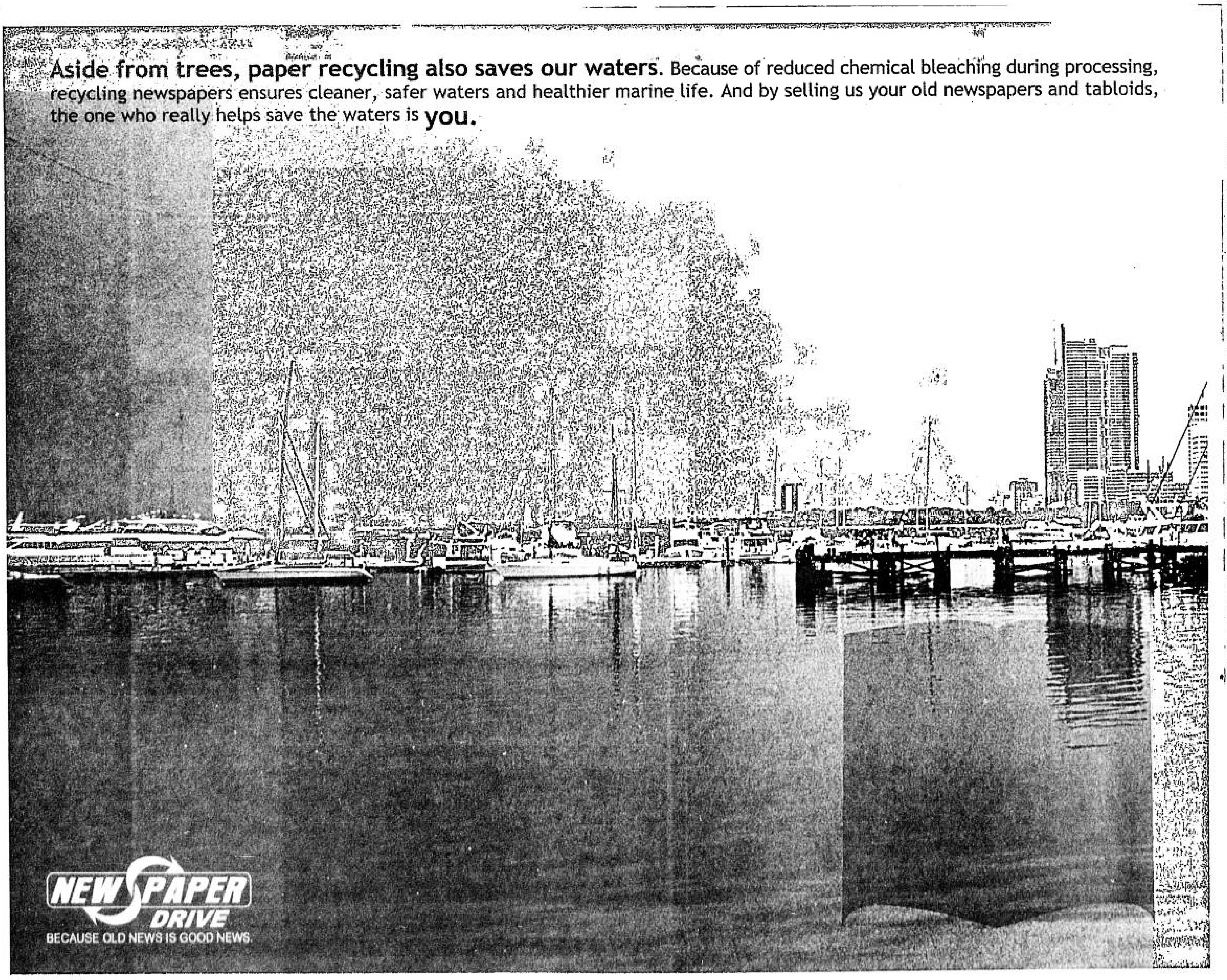

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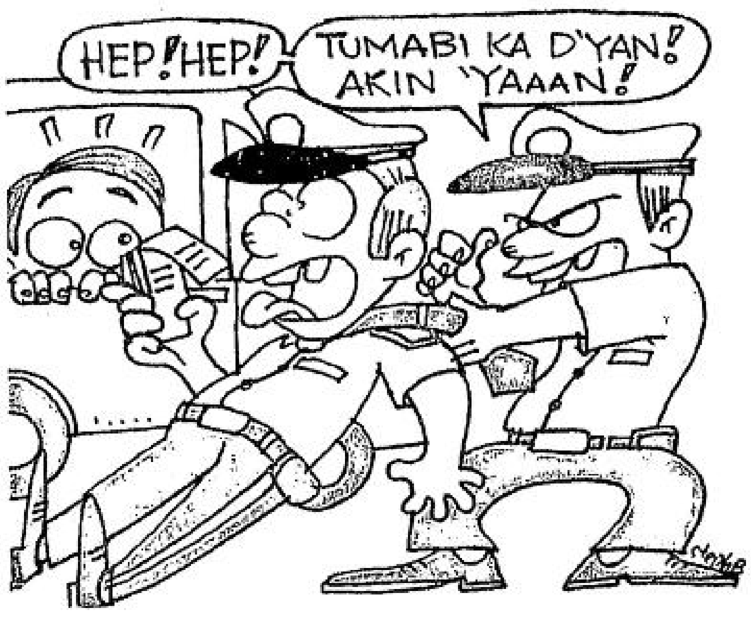
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MMDA, mayors lock horns over traffic, ticket system

By Leila Salaverria and Edson Tandoc Jr.

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority may not like it, but Metro Manila mayors are pushing through with their plan to take over traffic management in their respective areas.

In fact, initial designs of a new proposed traffic violation receipt have been made, said Peewee Trinidad, Metro Manila Mayors' League spokesperson and Pasay City mayor.

"*Tuloy na tuloy na ito* (This is a go), we will just talk with the MMDA," Trinidad said in a phone interview.

The mayors' plan to come out with new traffic tickets to be issued to erring motorists has drawn a sharp reaction from MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando.

"Why not use the MMDA's ticket?" Fernando asked yesterday. "What's wrong with it?"

Fernando said that the idea of using only the MMDA's traffic violation receipt would be in compliance with the single ticketing system the MMDA is mandated to implement.

This mandate also prevents Metro mayors from creating their own traffic violation receipts, Fernando said.

"(Their traffic tickets) won't be valid because there is a law (on the single ticketing system)," Fernando explained.

He said that instead of creating a uniform traffic ticket for use in the 17 towns and cities of the metropolis, the mayors can use the ones issued by the MMDA.

The problem of traffic management has left motorists and jeepney drivers more confused.

Danilo Peñaflor of Pasay City, a driver for 10 years, described the present system as "*magulo* (chaotic)."

"*Iba-iba ang pupuntahan mo, depende sa kung sino ang humuli sa iyo* (You may have to talk to different people, different agencies, depending on who issued the ticket)," Peñaflor said of drivers who want to settle their violations.

It would be best if there would be a single agency that would enforce traffic rules so it wouldn't be confusing, Pablito Peteros said in Filipino.

Some local government units reportedly have begun issuing their own traffic tickets.

Two weeks ago, Fernando called on Metro Manila mayors to follow the MMDA's single ticketing system. His appeal was rejected by some mayors.

Trinidad said the MMDA cannot enact traffic ordinances, unlike local government units, some of which have their own set of traffic rules.

Pasay traffic enforcement group chief Herbert Parel also opposed the mayors' plan of taking over.

"What we need is a centralized traffic agency, but not the MMDA," Parel said. "It would be better to have a separate traffic management agency. The MMDA could just concentrate on cleaning, beautification and flood control projects."

Trinidad said that the LGUs' ticket would be of uniform design. It would also be used for violations of ordinances.

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Traffic blues expected tomorrow

By Leila Salaverria and Luige del Puerto

IF YOU'RE a private school student, better wake up early tomorrow so you won't be late for class.

Traffic flow in the areas of private schools is expected to be heavier than in others because of the numerous private vehicles ferrying students there, said Angelito Vergel de Dios, Metro Manila Development Authority's Traffic Operations Center director.

While the traffic flow last week has generally been manageable, even if several private schools have begun their classes, the situation is expected to worsen this week when most students are expected to troop to their classrooms, he said.

According to Vergel de Dios, most students in expensive private schools bring their own cars, while others, like the children of politicians, bring even more than one car for their bodyguards. Even siblings who go to the same school each bring their own vehicles.

The vehicles, which clog up schools' entry and exit points during the start and end of classes, largely contribute to traffic gridlocks.

"In one private school in Katipunan, there are 13,000 students but 15,000 vehicles," Vergel de Dios said.

On the other hand, most public school students commute, so the most they cause is pedestrian traffic, he added.

Traffic hotbeds

The traffic director identified the areas of Ortigas, Katipunan, Taft Avenue and the university belt in Manila, where populous private schools could be found, as likely traffic jam hotbeds.

In Manila, the Western Police District director has already seen to the looming traffic problem.

"We expect heavy traffic tomorrow, so (Manila Mayor Lito) Atienza has directed barangay (officials) to help manage the traffic flow," said Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, WPD head.

Bulaong said the areas of concern include Morayta, España, Taft Avenue and Intramuros.

Bulaong yesterday assured students and their parents that they have nothing to fear when classes resume tomorrow.

"We have prepared well for the opening of classes," he said. "Students, teachers and school employees have nothing to fear (from snatchers, pickpockets and other petty criminals)."

Bulaong in a telephone interview said that an "adequate" number of cops would be stationed in schools and major thoroughfares tomorrow to also help deter crime.

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Mario Casinday teaching his 6-year-old son Nino the basics of fishing at the Boardwalk along the seawall on Roxas Boulevard provides a perfect picture of bonding time between father and child. It's a scene many people will witness today as the world celebrates Father's Day.
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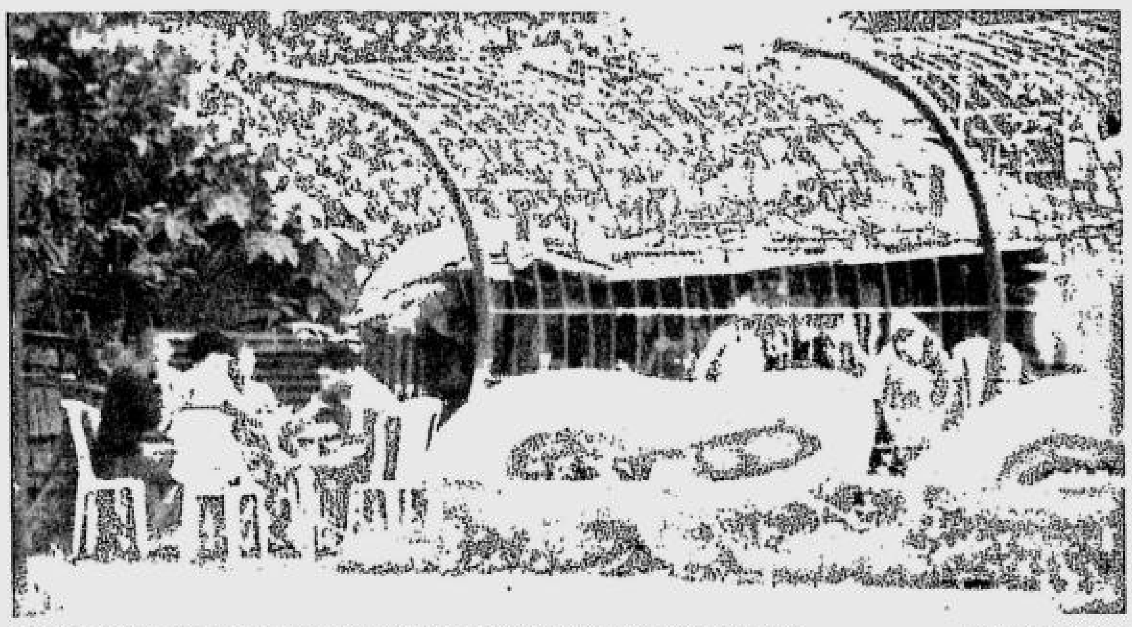
500 squatter-families invade prime UP land

By Edson Tandoc Jr.



SOME of the squatter shanties that have sprouted at the Arboretum in UP.
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

IT LOOKS like the country's bastion of learning is rapidly losing its lands to squatters.

What's worse is that the Quezon City government and the Philippine National Police have both refused to assist the University of the Philippines in evicting the squatters, the UP Newsletter reported last week.

More than 500 squatter families, armed with a writ of preliminary injunction from a Quezon City judge, have divided among themselves the vacant UP Arboretum land along Commonwealth Avenue, the paper reported.

The squatters have already built makeshift houses out of coconut lumber and galvanized iron in the area, where the National Hydraulics Research Center is also located.

The illegal settlers also built improvised stores, bathrooms and a mosque, the newsletter said.

But the small UP Police Force appeared unable to evict the squatters, some of whom were allegedly armed.

Once, some of the squatters doused a UP security guard with gasoline and threatened to set him on fire, the report added.

Death threats

UP officials handling the case have also received death threats, while legitimate residents of the Arboretum and employees of the NHRC have complained of harassment, the Newsletter said.

UP Diliman Chancellor Emerlinda Roman has asked former Ambassador Abulkhayer Alonto and Regent Fatima Bai Sinsuat to talk to the illegal settlers but the squatters "would not listen to them," she told UP Newsletter.

Roman also met with PNP chief Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte but "neither has made a move yet to enforce the law," the report added.

The squatting problem arose out of a web of claims to the property by various individuals.

While UP's ownership of the area had been affirmed by the Supreme Court, a certain Luis Menor surfaced with a "fake title" and claimed the Arboretum, the university paper added.

Menor, a former UP security guard, allegedly sold the Arboretum area to Abdul Raof Dimaporo, who in turn subdivided it and sold the parcels to refugees from Mindanao, the report said.

An old poster along Commonwealth Avenue identifying the Arboretum as UP property has been modified. The letters U and P were erased and in their place, the surnames of Menor and Dimaporo were written.

Court injunction

The UP Task Force on Squatting, Community Housing, and Utilities (UPTFSCHU) allegedly found that Menor and Dimaporo have been selling rights to the Arboretum property for P15,000 and ownership for as much as P100,000.

Menor and Dimaporo also got an injunction order two months ago from Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Rogelio Pizarro. This is the reason why the PNP and the Quezon City government now refuse to assist UP for fear of being cited in contempt.

The court injuction order was addressed to UPTFSCHU head Maj. Bernie Baltazar and to two other Arboretum claimants--Jorge Chin and Renato Mallari.

Menor allegedly sold the property to Chin and Mallari for P150 million but the two paid Menor with only P1 million, prompting Menor to sell 40 per cent of Arboretum to Dimaporo on Jan. 18 this year, the UP report said.

Menor said he bought the Arboretum from a certain Antonio Pael, whose claim has long been dismissed by the Supreme Court, the UP report added.

UP lawyers said that since UP is not covered by the injunction, the PNP and the Quezon City government's fear of being cited in contempt is baseless.

Syndicate

"This is not a case of denying homes to the urban poor. We are up against a syndicate, armed with a fake title, that wants to grab a piece of our campus by exploiting the credulity of refugees from the war in Mindanao," UP President Francisco Nemenzo said.

Roman also said that the university was exhausting all peaceful means to solve the problem.

"A head-on confrontation with the group would most likely result in deaths. (But)the administration does not want any life wasted over this issue," Roman said.

The Arboretum is a vacant lot along Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City. A part of it once served as the university's landfill until the landfill was closed last March.

The area houses a few legitimate residents, but it is the larger portion of Arboretum exposed to commuters along Commonwealth Avenue which was occupied by the illegal settlers, the report added.

Kidnapped Caloocan trader found dead

By Tina Santos and
Tarra Quismundo

BUSINESSMAN Edwin Navarro, 26, was found dead in a remote barangay in Laurel, Batangas, a month after five armed men abducted him in Caloocan City, a source close to the victim said yesterday.

Police also reported the kidnapping of a Filipino-Chinese businesswoman in Caloocan at around 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

Members of the Police Anti-Crime Emergency Response (Pacer) have already arrested five men, including a policeman, in connection with the abduction and killing of Navarro.

Police identified the suspects as Armando Dionaldo, 38, and Renato Dionaldo, both of Palingoy, Taguig; Virgilio Varona Jr., 34, Rudy Larido, a native of Jaro, Tacloban; and Mariano Garegis of Cabuyao, Nueva Ecija.

Police said Garegis is a former member of the Special Action Force of the national police.

According to PO1 Enrique Trinidad of the Caloocan Police, the victim belonged to a well-to-do Caloocan family that owns several businesses.

The source said Navarro, of Taytay Street, Maypajo, Caloocan, was found with a head injury allegedly caused by a blunt object.

The source added that Navarro was reportedly taken at gunpoint by several men as he entered a family-owned gym on Mabini Street, which is only a stone's throw away from the Caloocan City Hall police detachment.

The suspects reportedly demanded a P40-million ransom from the victim's family. The Navarros reportedly were ready to give in to the kidnappers' demands, but the suspects failed to contact the family again, the source said.

The family had sought the assistance of PACER members who later arrested the suspects in Barangay San Gregorio, Laurel, Batangas.

The family has filed charges of kidnapping with murder before the Caloocan City Prosecutor's Office.

Yesterday, three unidentified men abducted a Filipino-Chinese businesswoman as she emerged from a beauty parlor on 6th Avenue corner Maria Clara Street, police said.

A witness, who owns a sari-sari store a few feet away from the crime scene, told police that one of the men carried a gun and forced the woman into her car before driving away.

Inmate with fake money cries foul

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE INMATE caught last week with P1.5 million in fake bills has accused a jail officer of forcing him to deliver the bills to a hospital in exchange for P50,000.

Roberto Cruz, who was transferred to the maximum security compound after being caught, claimed in an affidavit obtained from sources that Jail Inspector Josie Bayawa, medium security compound officer-in-charge, had approached him in the last week of May and gave him bundles of money where only the top bunch was real while the rest was fake.

Cruz alleged that Bayawa had asked him to keep the money until further notice.

Cruz added that he had been forced to comply with Bayawa's offer because he was afraid to disobey the jail officer.

Bayawa has been removed from the medium security compound, New Bilibid Prisons Supt. Francisco Abunales told the INQUIRER yesterday. Bayawa was put on "floating" status.

The discovery of the fake bills has prompted Bureau of Corrections Director Gen. Dionisio Santiago to review the bureau's intelligence budget, which he learned was only P50,000.

He said he might also bring in more security experts, including ex-military men who had been discharged and prevented from going back to the service.

He said the syndicate responsible for the fake money has "deep" operations that would be very hard to uncover. During the investigation, Santiago added, some documents were missing.

Woman loses ₱1M in gems to son's friend

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

SHE treated him like her own son until she discovered that he had stolen her jewelry.

Leonida Mendoza, 59, filed a complaint before the Pasay City police last week against Michael Gilber, 22, a close friend of her son's.

Mendoza said she found her jewelry worth P1 million missing on June 10. On the evening of that day, Gilber allegedly admitted stealing the jewelry.

Mendoza said she has treated Gilber like a son, adding he has been sleeping at their house around four times a week.

"I loved him like my own son. He was also very good to me. I never thought he could do this to me," she said in Filipino.

She said Gilber had asked her forgiveness but she told him she would only forgive him once all the jewelry had been returned.

She said Gilber had even accompanied her to three pawnshops where she had recovered jewelry worth P100,000.

Gilber is now detained at the Pasay City Jail pending the filing of formal criminal charges against him by the police.

Fake Nokia accessories seized in raid

By Luige del Puerto

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation raided a warehouse and two distribution outlets in Quiapo, Manila, this week and seized P30 million worth of fake Nokia phone accessories.

The raiding team from the NBI-Intellectual Property Division swooped down on the warehouse of LWBY General Merchandise located at Unit 903 at the Gaisano Tower, and two stalls of the company at the Manila City Plaza in Quiapo last Tuesday.

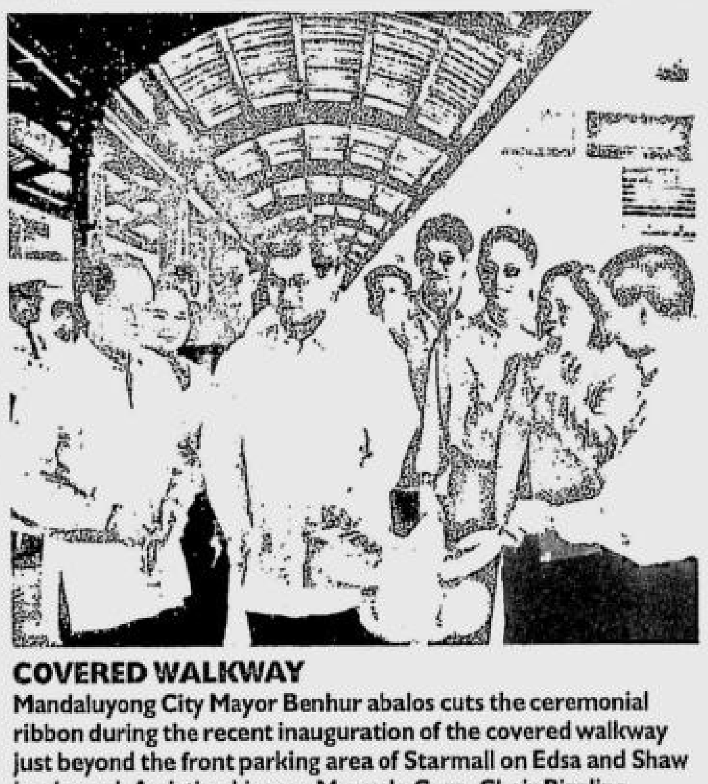
The owners of the warehouse and the stalls were identified as Pera Chan, also known as Wilson Chua and Juan Y. Masarate.

The NBI confiscated a total of 352,458 fake accessories such as batteries, chargers, headsets and leather casings.

The items have the Nokia trademark on them.

The NBI conducted the raid after the Quisumbing & Torres law firm, which represents Nokia, complained that the establishments were importing, distributing and selling fake Nokia goods.

Intellectual Property Judge Antonio M. Eugenio Jr. of the Manila Regional Trial Court issued the search warrants against the establishments.



COVERED WALKWAY
Mandaluyong City Mayor Benhur abalos cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the recent inauguration of the covered walkway just beyond the front parking area of Starmall on Edsa and Shaw boulevard. Assisting him are Manuela Corp. Chair Rizalino Riguerra (left) and other Starmall Property and Manuela officials.

3 hurt in LPG tank explosion

THREE people were slightly injured after an LPG tank exploded yesterday in San Andres Bukid, Manila, while a 72-year-old grandmother was cooking breakfast.

The explosion, which occurred around 9:10 a.m., caused a fire but this was quickly put out by neighbors and responding firefighters.

Injured in the incident were Isabel Martinez, the owner of the boarding house at 2387 Aqua Marine Street in San Andres Bukid; Marife Salazar, 22, and Marvin Gotonder, 22.

They were brought and treated for light burns at the Ospital ng Maynila, the police said.

Fire authorities are still trying to find out what went wrong with the LPG tank. *Luige del Puerto*

MMDA eyes Pampanga as new garbage site

METRO Manila's garbage may soon be going North, possibly to Pampanga, the President's home province.

That is, if the plans of the Metro Manila Development Authority pushes through.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando has said that he is considering putting up a 2,000-hectare waste processing facility in Pampanga after it was rejected by Quezon province.

"Our only choice is to go north or to go to Bicol. But Bicol is too far," he said in a recent interview.

Ideally, Fernando said, the site would have to be within a 150-kilometer radius from Metro Manila. Beyond that, transporting garbage would already cost too much.

Fernando expressed dismay over the rejection of Tiaong and Candelaria towns in Quezon of the MMDA's offer for them to host the P1.5-billion project.

According to him, the benefits would have been enormous.

Leila B. Salaverria

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Health congress set

METRO Manila will host this year's first Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao Regional Health Congress on June 17-18. The meeting seeks to improve delivery of basic health and family planning services to the region. Regional and local government and health officials, as well as representatives of donor agencies and non-government organizations, will attend the congress. Health Secretary Dr. Mauel Dayrit and Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin are two of the invited speakers.

Nabbed in Caloocan

RANEL Tiglao, who passed himself off as a United States visa consultant, fell in the hands of police during an entrapment in Caloocan City on Thursday yesterday. Supt. Benjardi Mantele, city police chief, said Tiglao, 39, of Valenzuela City was arrested at 1:20 p.m. inside a restaurant in Ever Gotesco Grand Central Mall in Monumento, Caloocan. Mantele said they were acting on a complaint of a woman who had accused Ranel of extorting some P260,000 from her. *Tina Santos*

Stabbed in QC

CARPENTER Roberto Velarde tried to play peacemaker between his brother-in-law and an unidentified neighbor in Quezon City on Friday night. For his effort, Velarde was stabbed to death. PO1 Romel Merino said Velarde, 48, of Barangay Santol, saw his brother-in-law exchanging blows with their neighbor, near his house at around 9:30 p.m. When he approached them, his neighbor pulled out a bladed weapon and stabbed the victim repeatedly. The suspected fled while the victim died at the Orthopedic Hospital in Quezon City. *Alcuin Papa*

Patient kills self

A MAN said to be suffering from ulcer, was killed when he jumped off the sixth floor of the Philippine General Hospital yesterday. Police said Amando Sedilla, 68, of San Francisco, Bulacan, Sedilla had been confined at PGH for about a week now. According to PGH personnel who last saw the victim, Sedilla refused to be taken to the laboratory for some tests, and locked himself in the comfort room. A short while later, the man fell to his death, police said. *Luige Del Puerto*

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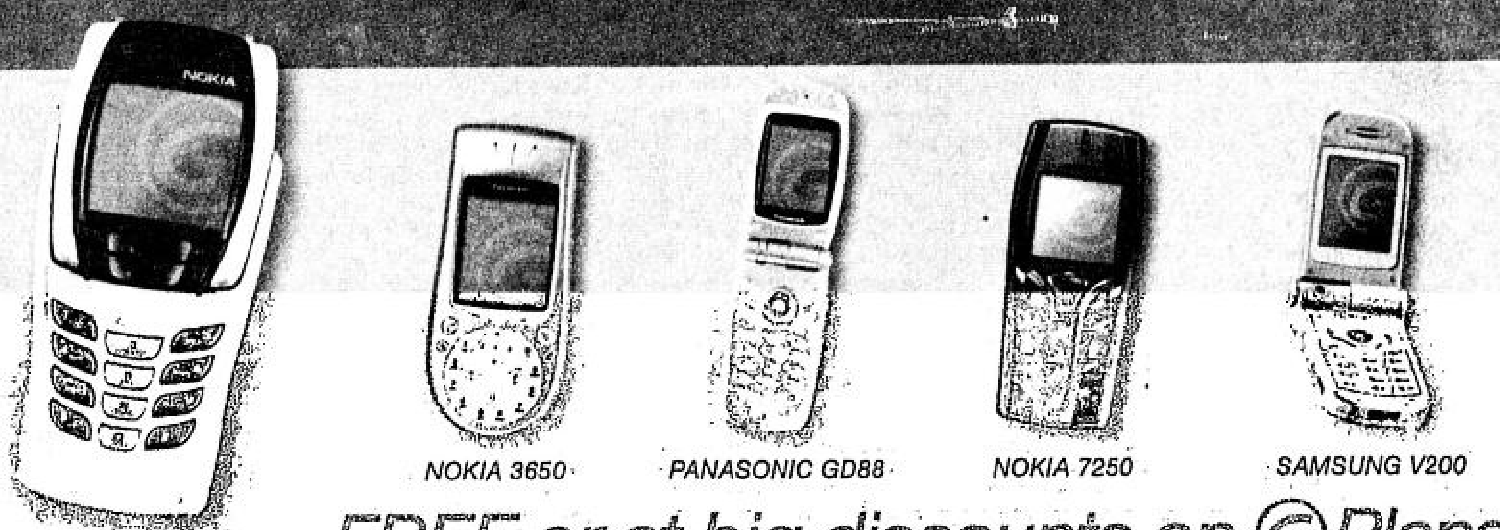

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RP team may surpass 500

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE contingent to the Southeast Asian Games could swell past the 500 mark with many national sports associations still to endorse their respective bets to the biennial sportsfest Vietnam will host this December.

Philippine Olympic Committee vice president Steve Hontiveros said some 400 athletes have already qualified under the two levels of criteria set by the POC, and other bets from subjective sports are expected to join the final RP roster when it is submitted to the organizers this September.

The national delegation is made up so far of 170 athletes, who qualified under the level 1 criteria of a gold medal performance in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games in 2001, and more than 200, who passed the level 2 qualification of at least a silver medal in the Busan Asian Games last year.

Aware of the PSC's unyielding stand on the number of athletes, Hontiveros, chair of the POC screening committee, said he would convince PSC chair Eric Buhain for a compromise since "after all, we will be carrying just one flag in Vietnam, which is the Philippine flag."

Hontiveros said he expects the PSC to oppose tapping athletes from sports where performances can't be measured.

"That is where we will appeal to the PSC," said Hontiveros. "I am sure Eric will be considerate because he has been an athlete himself."

Buhain earlier said there is no problem with the number of athletes as long as they all meet the criteria. Otherwise, the POC or the athletes themselves will have to shoulder their own expenses for the Dec. 5-13 meet.

The PSC budget for the actual competition alone is P40 million.

"The SEA Games is the lowest international multi-event competition," said Hontiveros.

Men's Most Wanted Cars Revealed in Survey

Numerous "men and cars" studies and surveys available say that owning a car has some profound meaning for men. There's some "exclusivity" attached to owning a car, especially branded cars, and most especially sports cars. Having a sports car is a statement of "coolness" and driving it a "status" - one's being able to afford its handsome price and one's having a keen knowledge on its attributes and performance. Men would spend enormous time and resources polishing and detailing their "babe" of a car. But which sports cars really are closest to men's hearts?

Recently, Axe, Unilever's leading deo-cologne and deo-stick for men, asked 100 Filipino men aged 18 and up what their dream sports cars are. In the survey, respondents consisting of students, young urban professionals and thirty-something executives disclosed their top sports car picks (by brand) being Porsche, Ferrari, Mercedes Benz, BMW and Lamborghini.

Porsche emerged with the most number of votes, garnering 16% of the total votes followed by Ferrari, which got 14% of the votes. Meanwhile, Mercedes Benz, BMW and Lamborghini ranked closely with 11%, 10% and 9% of the total votes respectively. Other brands that surfaced in the survey are Jaguar, Aston Martin and McLaren.

Close to 30 different makes and models of sports cars were mentioned in the survey noting the fact that Filipinos really know a lot of sports cars models. The range of models almost spanned the A to Z's of the alphabet. Among those highly voted models are the Porsche Boxster and 911 Turbo, Ferrari Modena, MB SL500 and S55, BMW M3 and Lamborghini Diablo and Murcielago.

The Porsche remains the youthful automobile brand to behold as noted – one notch up the "dream machine" that is Ferrari. In the survey, men's Porsche favorites are its 2003's *911 Turbo*, *Boxster* and *Carrera* models. The *911 Turbo*, which is a two-door, four-passenger sports car is available in one trim only, the Coupe. This model has a turbo engine that achieves 15-mpg in the city and 22-mpg on the highway and closely competes with Aston Martin DB7 Vantage, the Ferrari 575M and the Mercedes Benz CL-Class. The high-speed ***Boxster***, dubbed as "one of the most energetic two-seater sports car," on the other hand is Porsche's fastest selling roadster in history and features a mid-engine, six-cylinder boxer engine and can be driven top-down. The Porsche Boxster provides eager acceleration from 4,600 rpm. From a standing start, it can reach 100 km/h (62 mph) in a breathtaking 5.7 seconds. And with a top speed of 264 km/h (164 mph), it is an indomitable spirit of freedom and independence that most guys can only dream of!

Available in two trims, the Boxster Convertible achieves 20-mpg in the city and 29-mpg on the highway while the Boxster S achieves 18-mpg in the city and 26-mpg on the highway.

The survey conducted by AXE turned out to be a revelation that delved into men's most commonly talked about passion. Filipinos certainly know sports cars as any guy anywhere in the world would, which could probably explain the rampant sales of sports magazines or high readership of motoring/sports section of magazines or newspapers.

Knowing about these cars thus moves AXE to pose another question. How can a guy actualize his dream car? Now that's another story!

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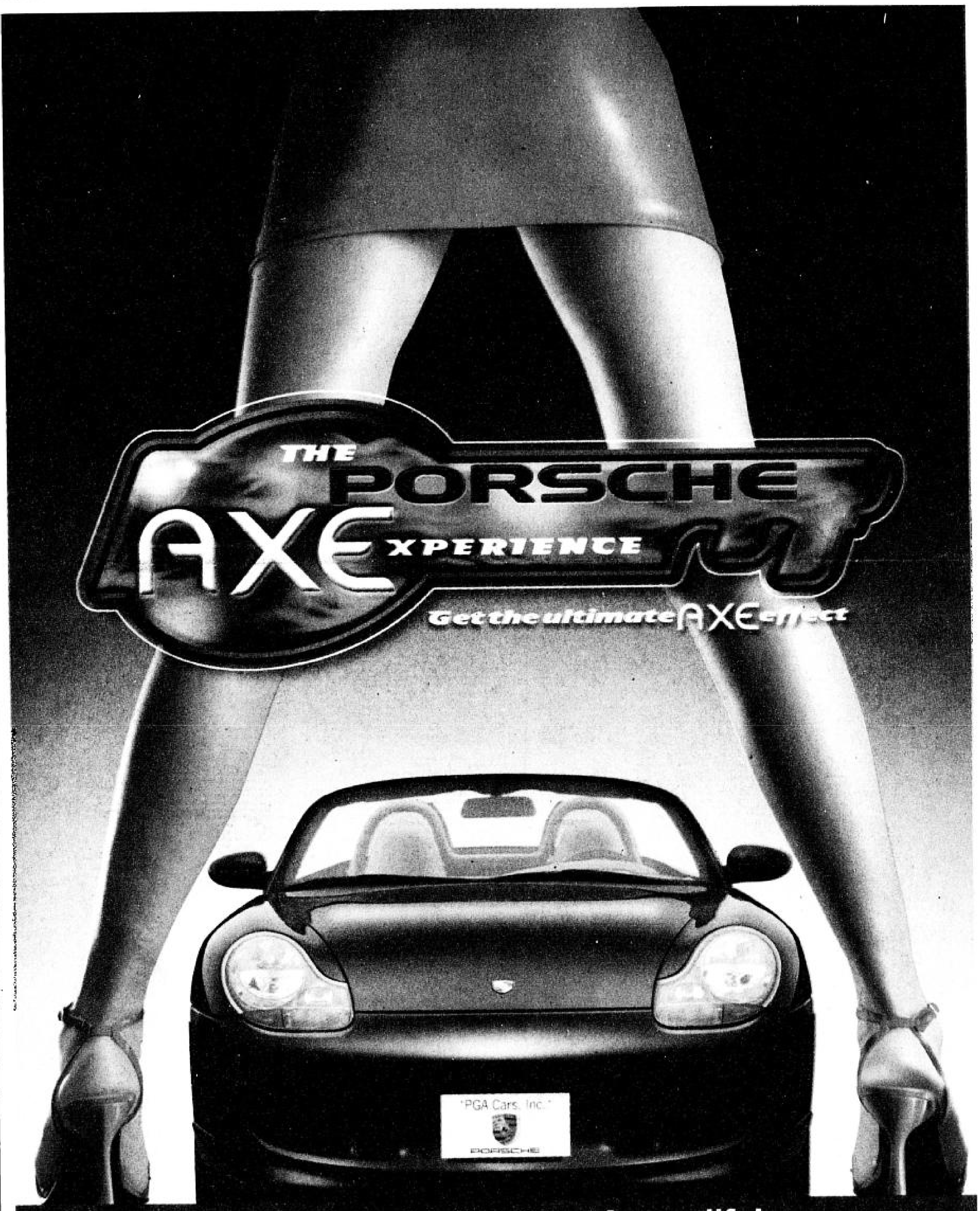

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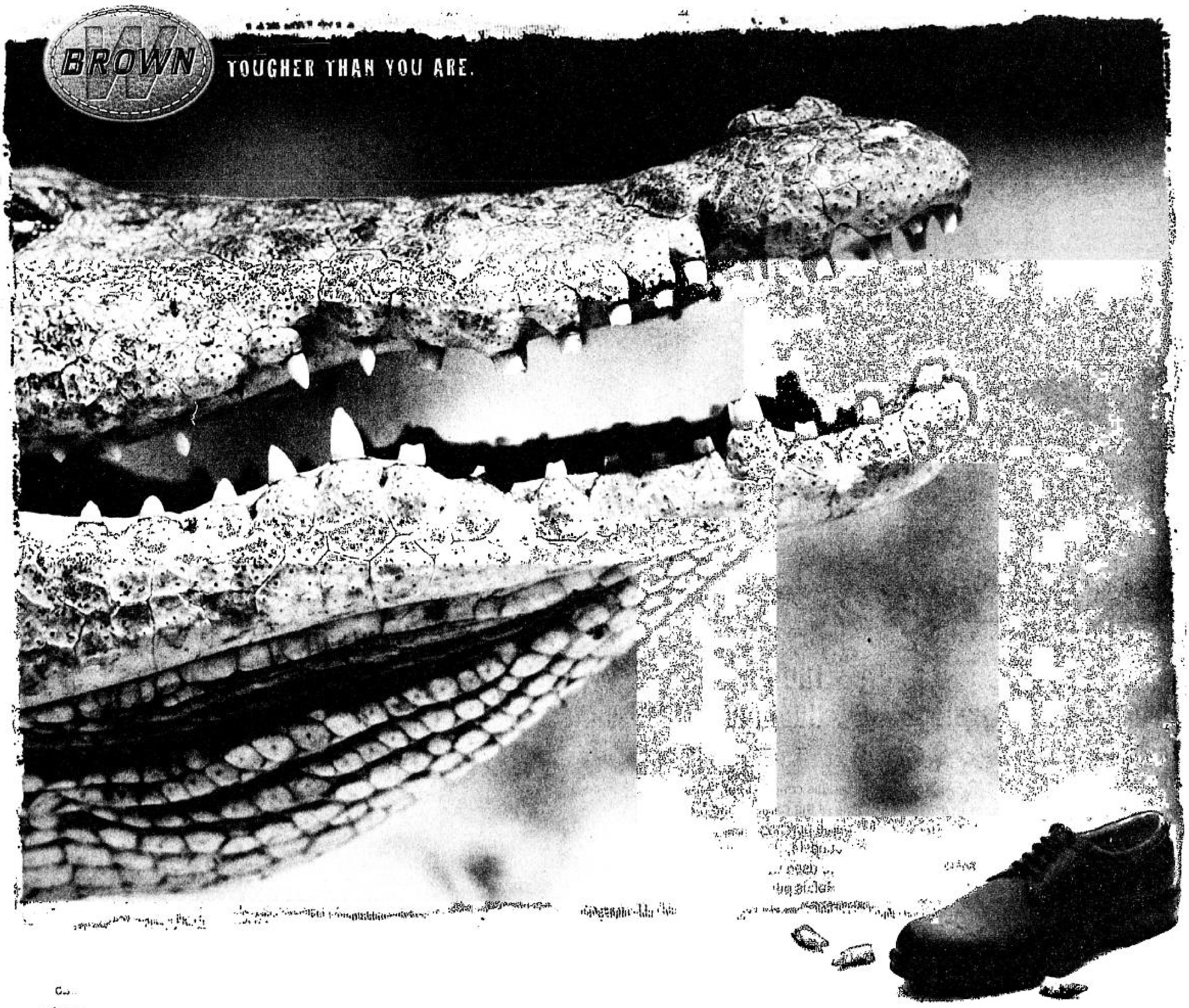

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Realtors eye semis

GAMES TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4 p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Alaska
6:30 p.m.—San Miguel vs FedEx

WITH the red-hot Kenneth Duremdes in sick bay, Sta.Lucia Realty goes from top gun to underdog when the Realtors shoot for the first semifinal slot against the Alaska Aces today in the Samsung-PBA All Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Realtors face the Aces at 4 p.m. seeking a three-game sweep of the quarterfinal schedule in Group A minus Duremdes, who had scored 42 and 40 points against Federal Express and San Miguel Beer, respectively.

Duremdes strained his left calf during the Realtors' 83-81 victory over the Beermen and will be sidelined for at least two weeks.

"We have to make a lot of adjustments with Kenneth's loss. We can't afford to lose because it might put us in an unfavorable position," said Sta. Lucia Realty coach Alfrancis Chua.

But the Realtors are assured of a playoff for a semifinal berth even if they lose to the Aces, who have a 1-1 card along with the Express.

If Sta. Lucia prevails, FedEx can clinch the second semifinal slot by beating the winless San Miguel squad later at 6:30 p.m. *J.N.*

Acid test for golfers

LIKE playing a blitz game in chess, the conditions for winning will be two quick and good rounds for Jerome Delariarte, Juvic Pagunsan and the rest of the big names in the field when they join the launching leg of the Samsung Amateur Golf Tour and Putting Challenge at the treacherous Forest Hills Golf and Country Club course in Antipolo City on June 19-20.

It will mark the first time that back-to-back national champ Delariarte, Southeast Asian Games titlist Pagunsan and veterans like Marvin Dumandan, Boyet Zaragosa and Jay Bayron pit skills over a short 36-hole competition from their usual 72-hole battles.

The explosive showdown of the country's best amateurs in the championship class for 0-4.9 handicappers will highlight the start of a nationwide circuit.

Jong Arcano

Canada GP

MONTREAL—The setting was perfect for a traditional Formula One showdown: The Ferrari cars were once again dominant and the little teams struggled to compete. On a day when Ferrari teammates Rubens Barrichello and Michael Schumacher posted the two fastest times in a rainy prequalifying session for the Canadian Grand Prix, a battle broke out Friday between the Minardi team and his big-spending competitors. *AP*

Viva a victory shy of bagging PBL crown

GAME TUESDAY (Pasig Sports Center)
3 p.m.—Hapee vs Viva

By Dennis U. Eroa

PLAYMAKER Dennis Miranda was a no-show until he decided to take matters into his own hands in the dying seconds of Viva Mineral Water's crucial game against Hapee Toothpaste in the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup title series yesterday at the Pasig Sports Center.

Hardly a factor most of the way, the 5-foot-11 Miranda banged in four straight points and pulled a defensive gem in the final 65 seconds of play as Viva escaped with a 58-56 squeaker over Hapee and moved within a win of taking the best-of-five championship series.

The Water Force will try to become only the second team in PBL history since Stag in 1995 to win a title in their first try on Tuesday.

Viva won Game One, 64-57, but lost Game Two last June 10, 52-43.

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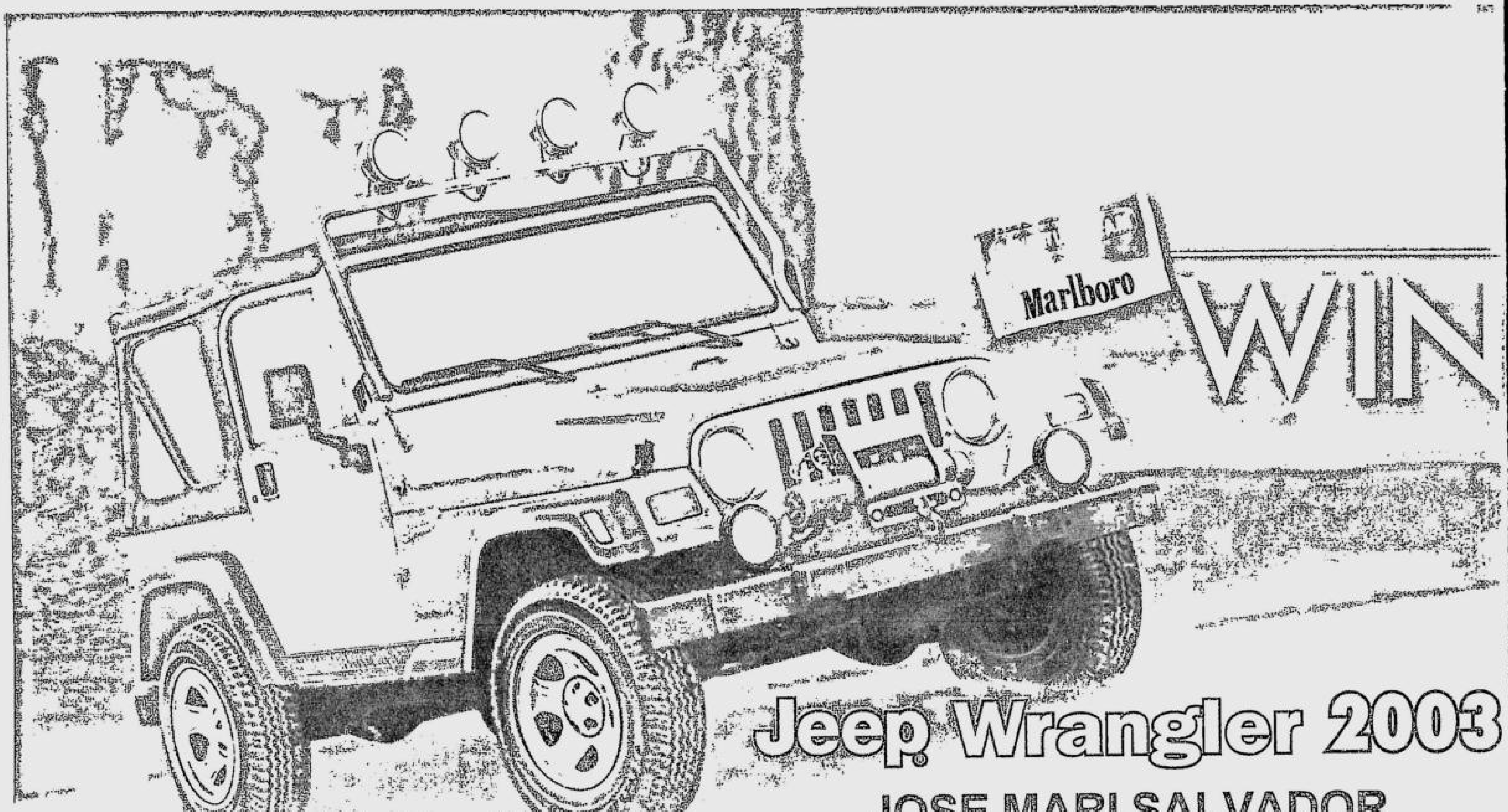

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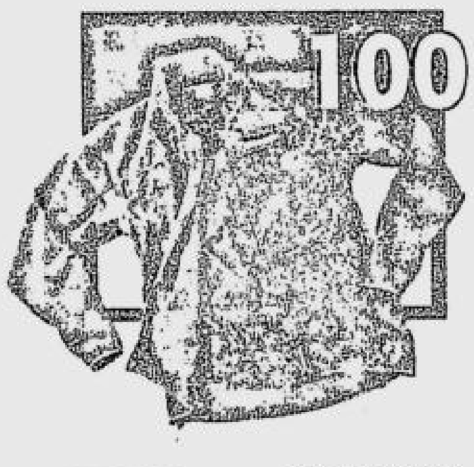

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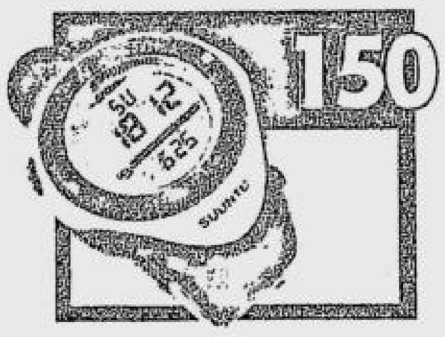

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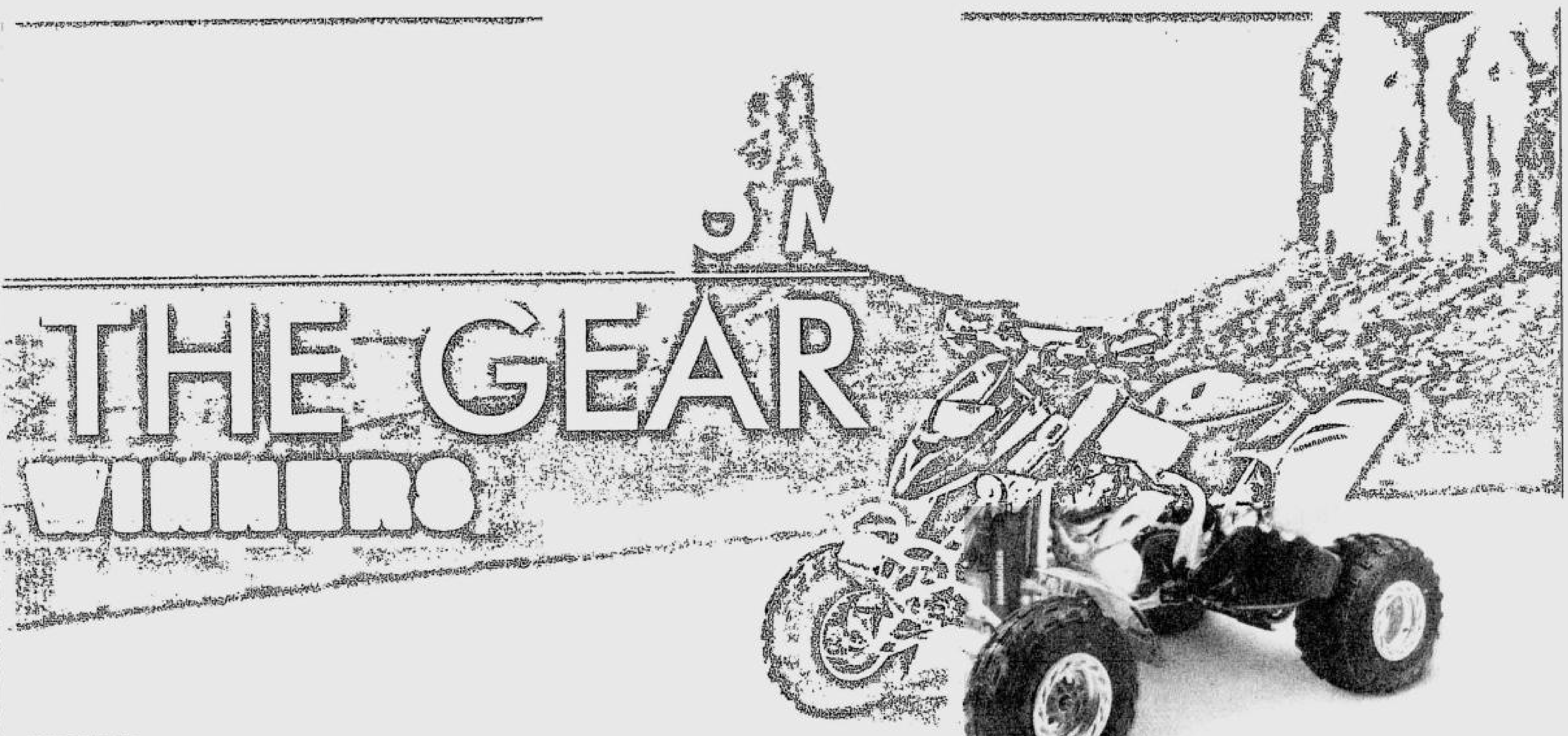

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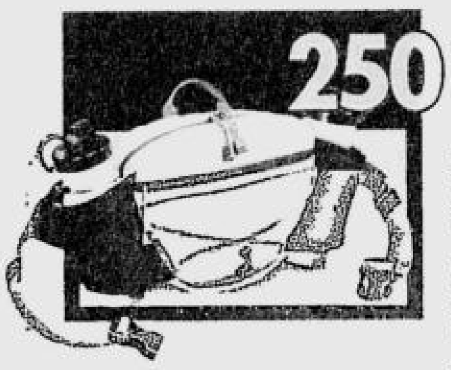

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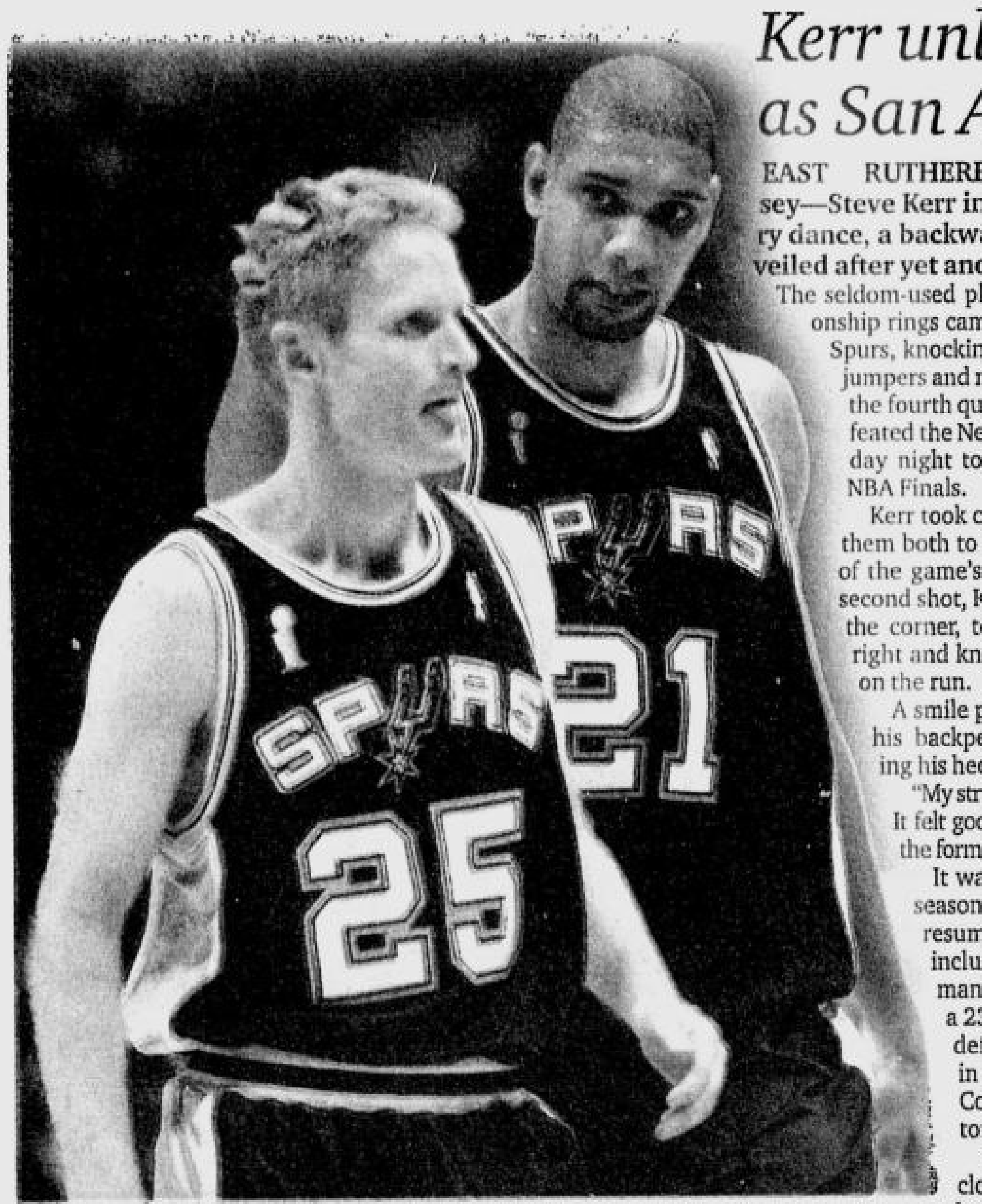
One more win for Spurs

Kerr unloads big shots anew as San Antonio grabs 3-2 lead



ATTABOY: Kerr gets a tap on the head from Duncan after sinking a crucial three-pointer in the fourth quarter.
REUTERS

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—Steve Kerr invented a new victory dance, a backward high-step he unveiled after yet another clutch shot.

The seldom-used player with four championship rings came through again for the Spurs, knocking down a pair of timely jumpers and making a key steal late in the fourth quarter as San Antonio defeated the New Jersey Nets 93-83 Friday night to take a 3-2 lead in the NBA Finals.

Kerr took only two shots and made them both to help the Spurs score 15 of the game's final 22 points. On his second shot, Kerr faked a jumper from the corner, took two dribbles to his right and knocked down a 15-footer on the run.

A smile plastered across his face, his backpedaled downcourt kicking his heels high in the air.

"My strut, a little Thomas Hearns. It felt good," Kerr said, referring to the former boxing champion.

It was the latest heroic postseason chapter for Kerr, whose resume from this postseason includes a 4-for-4 performance from 3-point range in a 23-0 run the Spurs used to defeat the Dallas Mavericks in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals–the victory that got them here.

The next step will be closing out the Nets, and the Spurs' first chance will come at home Sunday night (Monday morning in Manila) in Game 6. Game 7, if necessary, will be in San Antonio next Wednesday.

Kerr is the only player on either roster to have played in a championship series that was tied 2-2, doing it in 1997 with the Chicago Bulls. He didn't enter the game until early in the final quarter, then displayed all the poise of someone who has done this many times before.

"More than anything, I have the experience of playing for 15 years to not get too nervous. I've done this a lot," Kerr said.

First came a 3-pointer with 3:03 left to put the Spurs ahead 83-76, next came a steal from Kenyon Martin, and last came the running jumper and the backward high-step after his 15-footer made it 87-78 with 1:42 left.

"I was really nervous my first time in the finals in '96, and I did not shoot well. And I understand what's going on out there for a lot of the guys. You miss a few shots and it feels like the whole world's coming down on you," he said.

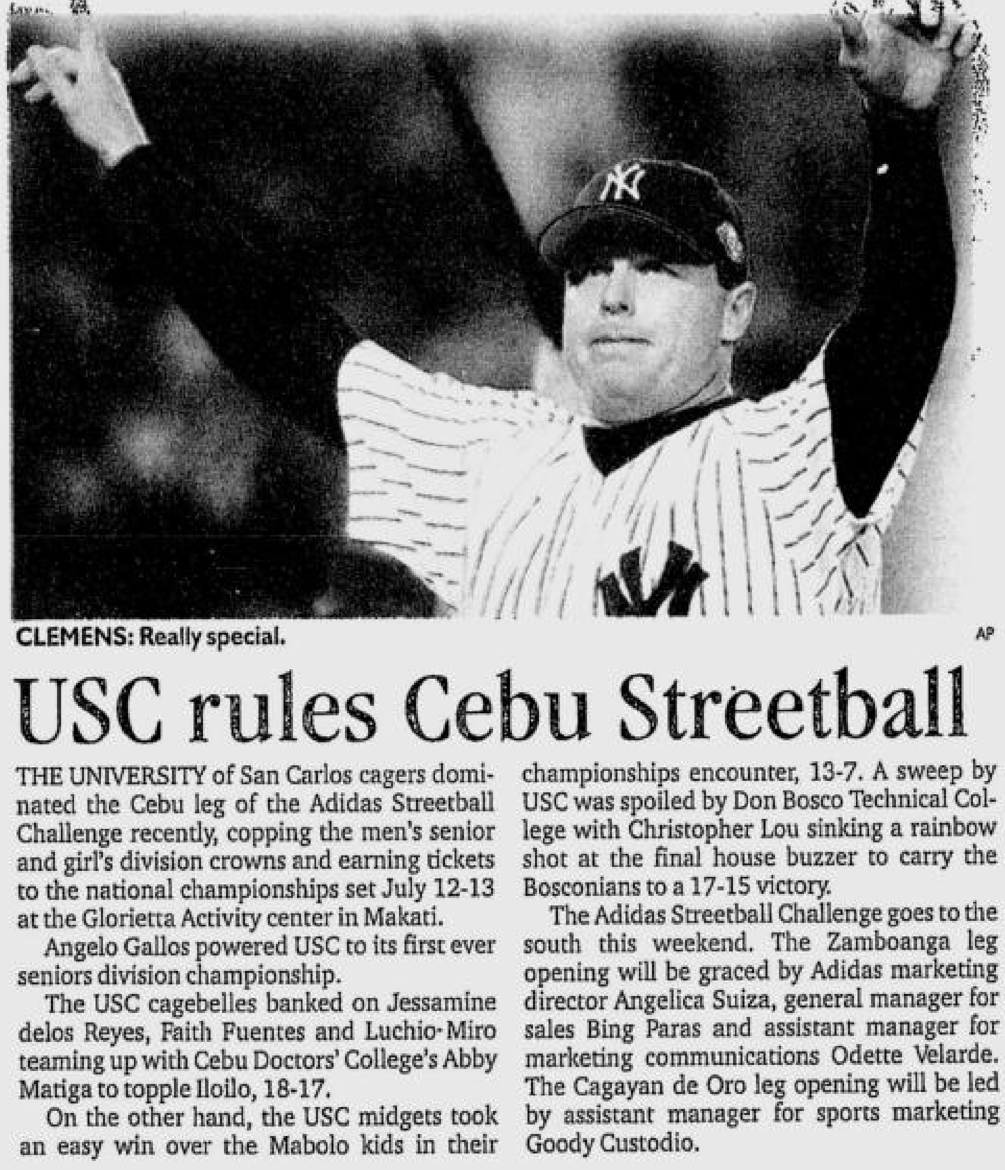
"As I said, I've been there many times and I've gotten over that nervousness. I'm to a point in my career now where you shoot if you're open and if you miss, you miss. But you just let it fly."

Tim Duncan carried the Spurs for most of the game with 29 points, 17 rebounds and four blocks. Tony Parker and Malik Rose each added 14 points and Manu Ginobili had 12.

Jason Kidd scored 29 for the Nets, although only three of those points came in the fourth quarter when the Nets were hurt by five of their 16 turnovers.

Martin was terribly ineffective playing with the flu, finishing with four points, five fouls and eight turnovers–four in the fourth quarter. *AP*

'Rocket' notches 2 milestones



CLEMENS: Really special.
AP

NEW YORK—Roger Clemens got his milestones two at a time.

The "Rocket" finally reached 300 wins Friday night and entered an even more exclusive club, becoming only the third pitcher with 4,000 strikeouts as he led the New York Yankees over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-2.

Clemens (7-4) was the 21st pitcher to make it 300, and did it on his fourth try.

"4,000 and 300 puts me with some great names that ever played the game, that ever stepped on that mound," Clemens said.

"To have these two milestones I was able to achieve tonight, it was really special," he added. "Everybody can stop chasing me around the country."

Clemens allowed two runs in 6 2-3 innings and struck out 10, raising his total to 4,006 on an unusually cool, damp night. He threw 120 pitches before handing a lead to New York's bullpen for his third straight start.

Handed a 3-2 advantage, this time Chris Hammond escaped the seventh-inning jam he created, and Antonio Osuna and Mariano Rivera pitched perfect innings. A sellout crowd of 55,214 cheered while Clemens' teammates hugged him in the dugout after the final out.

Clemens jogged onto the field as Elton John's "Rocket Man" played over the public-address system. He raised both arms, tipped his cap to the fans in right field, then left and then touched his heart.

"I really wanted it to happen here. That's why I signed back here," said Clemens, who could have left as a free agent last winter.

Clemens walked back to near the Yankees dugout and 7-year-old Kody, his youngest son, jumped into his arms as his wife, Debbie, gave Clemens a hug.

His other three sons — Koby, Kory and Kacy — took their turns scooping up dirt from the mound and putting it in bags as keepsakes, followed by Kody, who went out to the mound all by himself.

After the game, the sons followed him through the Yankee Stadium corridors, like ducks trailing their parents.

"That's probably every player's dream, to be out there with your son," said the Cardinals' Joe Girardi, Clemens' former catcher on the Yankees.

As fans chanted Clemens' name, Girardi and Tino Martinez — another former Yankee — remained in the St. Louis dugout watching the celebration. *AP*

COMPLETE RESULTS

Interleague—Boston 4, Houston 3; Los Angeles 4, Cleveland 3 (10 innings); Colorado 7, Detroit 2; NY Yankees 5, St. Louis 2; Toronto 5, Chicago Cubs; 1 Tampa Bay 7, Pittsburgh 1; Chicago White Sox 5, San Diego 3; Kansas City 6, San Francisco 1; Minnesota 3, Arizona 1; Florida 8, Texas 0.

USC rules Cebu Streetball

THE UNIVERSITY of San Carlos cagers dominated the Cebu leg of the Adidas Streetball Challenge recently, copping the men's senior and girl's division crowns and earning tickets to the national championships set July 12-13 at the Glorietta Activity center in Makati.

Angelo Gallos powered USC to its first ever seniors division championship.

The USC cagebelles banked on Jessamine delos Reyes, Faith Fuentes and Luchio-Miro teaming up with Cebu Doctors' College's Abby Matiga to topple Iloilo, 18-17.

On the other hand, the USC midgets took an easy win over the Mabolo kids in their championships encounter, 13-7. A sweep by USC was spoiled by Don Bosco Technical College with Christopher Lou sinking a rainbow shot at the final house buzzer to carry the Bosconians to a 17-15 victory.

The Adidas Streetball Challenge goes to the south this weekend. The Zamboanga leg opening will be graced by Adidas marketing director Angelica Suiza, general manager for sales Bing Paras and assistant manager for marketing communications Odette Velarde. The Cagayan de Oro leg opening will be led by assistant manager for sports marketing Goody Custodio.

How Naynay lost his basketball

(Inspired by Mike Royko)

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

SUNDAY is supposed to be a feel-good day. At a time when the world is in pain, nations reeling from wars and economic recession, it pays that we spend Sundays having a picnic in the park. Or, simply to laze around reading books or magazines, if not the morning papers.

So today, I'll talk about Naynay Yamaliket, the kid from Tokok Barikir known for his happy demeanor all year round if he had a basketball in hand.

One morning, Naynay Yamaliket couldn't leave home as it was raining cats and dogs. He contented himself with dribbling the basketball at home. That woke up his father who had come home late from a night of gin.

"What the hell are you doing, son?"

"Am trying to practice the crossover, behind-the-back dribble and the between-the-leg dribble," said Naynay Yamaliket, flashing his usual ear-to-ear grin.

"Whatever it is that you're trying to do, can you do it after I'm through sleeping?" said Mr. Yamaliket.

Naynay Yamaliket retreated to his room, where he continued to practice dribbling.

Within minutes, father roared out of bed, hit Naynay Yamaliket in the face with the basketball, causing the boy's eyes to roll more than they usually do.

That triggered a fight with Mrs. Yamaliket, who reminded her husband not to stifle their son's athletic development.

Then the father tried to bounce the ball once more on his son's face.

"You do that one more time and we're out of here," said Mrs. Yamaliket.

"Be my guest," said Mr. Yamaliket.

Stung, Mrs. Yamaliket gathered her clothes and told Mr. Yamaliket that she and Naynay Yamaliket were leaving him with a promise not to return until he apologizes to their son.

While mother was crying as they were leaving, Naynay Yamaliket was laughing. Heartily.

"You were wrong again, father, wrong," said Naynay Yamaliket.

But his father, itching to get back to sleep, ignored him.

At first, Mr. Yamaliket could not believe they were really gone. To make sure, he changed the locks of the door. Then he went back to bed.

Word of the breakup soon spread like wildfire in Tokok Barikir, a village by the river, where women take a bath with only their bras and short shorts on. Some of the unattached tried to seduce Mr. Yamaliket, whose house is by the river, by going topless at times. But he would have none of their foolish ideas.

"I am a one-woman man and only Joyce Jimenez can change that," he would boast to his gin mates in the neighborhood.

Naynay Yamaliket and his mother stayed with his mother's friend, Asing Karruba, whose house is not far from home. Asing was a widower. Childless, she treated Naynay Yamaliket like a true son. She loved basketball herself and encouraged the boy to pursue a basketball career. Soon she was teaching the kid how to do the chest pass—to the delight of Naynay.

After several days of living alone, Mr. Yamaliket started to miss his wife and son. To make matters worse, he would hear of gossip, while already dizzy with gin, that his wife had run away to Mangabul.

One of the unattached women attracted to him, who happened by and was glad she was asked to join the men drinking gin, said, "Mangabul must have been that one with a mustache and who plays billiards all the time at the poblacion."

On hearing that, Mr. Yamaliket said, "I'll bop his face with my son's basketball the minute I see him. And then I'll crush his balls with my knuckles."

Chorused his drinking buddies: "Let's finish the pig knuckles and then call it a night."

They did, and Mr. Yamaliket next headed for the billiards hall. He swung at the first guy he saw sporting a mustache but missed. The guy turned up to be the spotter, and his fellow spotters beat up Mr. Yamaliket.

When he came to the hospital, his wife and son were at his bedside. Mrs. Yamaliket said she would come back home and make Naynay give up basketball.

"Will you stay away from Mangabul," Mr. Yamaliket asked.

"But Mangabul is in Bayambang," said Mrs. Yamaliket.

Mr. Yamaliket smiled. "Good. I must have really taught him a lesson."

NBA FINALS 2003

San Antonio vs New Jersey

Spurs 3, Nets 2

Game 1: San Antonio 101, New Jersey 89
Game 2: New Jersey 87, San Antonio 85
Game 3: San Antonio 84 , New Jersey 79
Game 4: New Jersey 77, San Antonio 76
Game 5: San Antonio 93, New Jersey 83
Game 6 at San Antonio (June 16, 8:30 a.m.)
*Game 7 at San Antonio (June 19, 8:30 a.m.)
*IF NECESSARY
(MANILA TIME, 2-3-2 FORMAT)

SPORTSWATCH

Andre No. 1 anew

LONDON—Andre Agassi blasted into the semi-finals of the Stella Artois Championships on Friday, recapturing the world number one ranking along the way. The 33-year-old's 6-4, 7-5 win over Xavier Malisse vaulted him to the top of the rankings after Lleyton Hewitt had earlier lost at Queen's Club for the first time in four years. Agassi is now the oldest world number one. Wimbledon champion Hewitt dropped to number two when he fell in the quarterfinals to Sebastien Grosjean 6-3, 6-4. The Australian had been gunning for an unprecedented fourth straight title here but instead suffered his first Queen's loss since 1999. *Reuters*

Lhuillier trips Bulls

SAN FERNANDO City, Pampanga—M. Lhuillier Kwarta Padala of Cebu bested Pampanga Bulls, 83-76, Friday night to keep top spot in the National Basketball League (NBL) national championship at the University of Assumption gym here. It was the fourth straight victory for the Cebuanos, who controlled the game from the start to hand the Bulls their first loss in three games. Today's games pit M. Lhuillier against MayniLA at 3 p.m., and Spring Oil against Shineway-Ozamiz at 5 p.m. Alano Caputolon and Aldrin Ocanada led M. Lhuillier with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

LPC battles Perpetual

LAS PINAS College takes on Perpetual Help-Rizal and Santo Tomas battles Jose Rizal College in the June 17 inaugurals of the Champions League Grudge Games at the Makati Coliseum. Ramon Fernandez, commissioner of Champions League 2003, yesterday promised a bigger nationwide tournament with 23 schools seeded and nine others qualifying this year. The invitations to the post-tournament on November, Fernandez bared, will depend largely on the performance of the 24 teams seeing action in the Grudge Games. University of Manila meets Philippine Christian and University of the Philippines tangles with San Sebastian on June 19.

Knights vs Bombers

DEFENDING champion Knights and the Bombay Bombers dispute the 2003 Filipino-Indian Basketball League (FIBL) crown at 4 p.m. today at the Makati Coliseum. The Bombers, out to regain the crown they last held in 2000 and eager to deny the Knights a first ever back-to-back championship in FIBL history, posted a 78-70 victory over the Knights last Sunday. League MVP Kishore Mirpuri dominated the boards aside from scoring 22 points, second only to teammate Rakesh Chandumal who had 24 markers. Kenneth Sharma of the Hoop It Up Kings was chosen Rookie of the Year, Ravi Guranamal of the Knights emerged Best in Steals and Interception and Lavesh Chulani of the Titans took the Sportsmanship Award.

Arcilla tames Ruel

TOP seed Johnny Arcilla stayed on course for another title following a 6-2, 6-0 victory over fourth seed Rolando Ruel Jr. in the semifinal of the the P200,000 Cebuana Lhuillier Tennis Circuit yesterday at the Manila Polo Club Indoor court. Arcilla's victory, fashioned out in just one hour, moved him closer to his fourth straight crown. Arcilla also defeated Ruel, 6-1, 6-2, in the Coca-Cola National Open final in Subic two weeks ago.

Lady biker sparkles

LONE female novice rider Love-Love Tioseco shone in the recent Ducati Cup superbike tournament by landing at fifth spot in the event held at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Tioseco's feat helped the Ducati Desmo Team capture top honors. Other members of the winning squad were Toti Alberto, Victor Velasquez, Philip Alvendia, Robert Cervantes, Manny Angeles, Brian Ng, Renato Fernandez, Mark Espiritu and Erwin Frondoso. Tioseco used her 150 hp Ducati Vee-Two 998-Race special superbike for the event.

Del Rosario sizzles

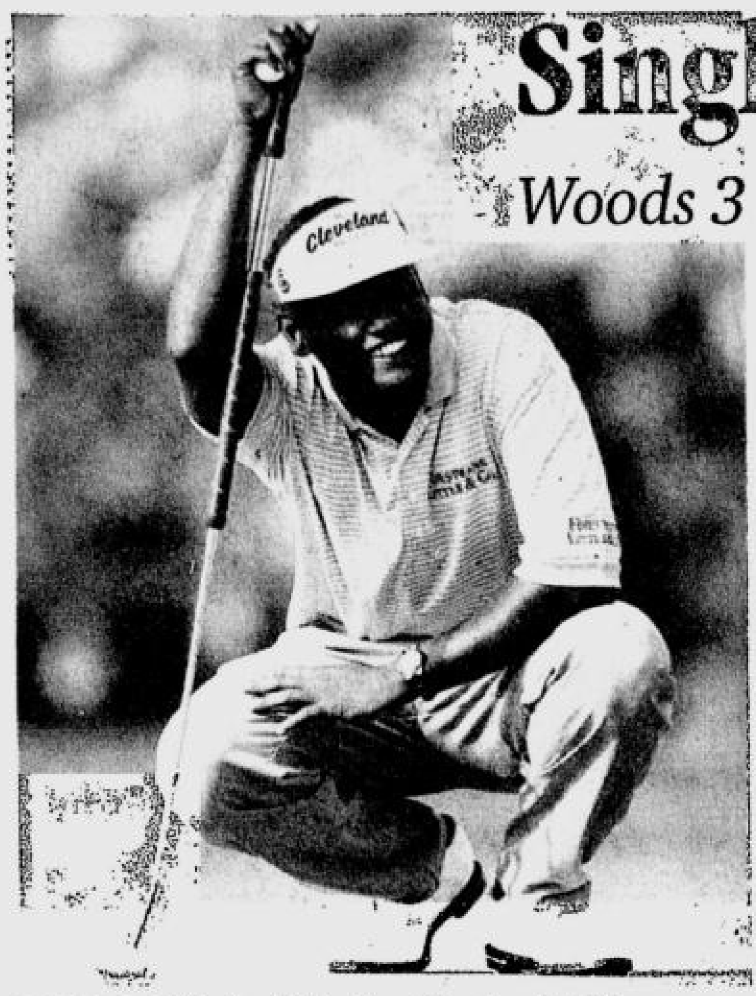
LIZA del Rosario capped her smashing showing in the 32nd Boysen-PBC International Bowling Championships by snaring the ladies masters crown Friday night at the Green Valley center in Pasig. The reigning Asian tenpin singles champion beat Indon Happy Soediyono, 238-182, in the final, complementing her earlier victories in the singles, doubles, team and all-events titles. Soediyano forced the winner-take-all by taking the first game, 250-190, of the stepladder finals. Philippine team mentor Purvis Granger took the men's masters title at the expense of Malaysian Azidi Ameran, 210-89.

Fistorama bouts

CEBU sensation Benedict Sulco squares off with Baby Frolian in a light-flyweight bout while Roderick Seniego faces Manny Arsenal in the minimum weight division in the featured bouts of the Samsung's Fistorama today. The fights were held recently at the Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila. The show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports. It is aired weekly in the United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV.

Singh singes Olympia, shares lead

Woods 3 down; Watson fires 72, 4 strokes behind in US Open



VIJAY Singh of Fiji smiles while looking at his putt on the 17th green. REUTERS

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—A month after Vijay Singh made headlines with his mouth, he did it with his golf clubs.

Criticized for his comments that Annika Sorenstam doesn't belong on the PGA Tour, Singh took his place atop the leaderboard Friday at the US Open with a 7-under-63, matching the best score in major championship history.

He was heckled by a fan on the 14th hole, but nothing stopped the big Fijian.

"I wasn't too emotionally concerned with my score," Singh said. "I was just playing my game and enjoying it."

Jim Furyk had a bogey-free 66 and joined Singh in the record books at 7-under-133, the lowest 36-hole score ever in the US Open.

They had a one-stroke lead over Stephen Leaney (68) and Jonathan Byrd (66), with Tiger Woods closing in fast.

Woods had six birdies in a round of 66 and was only three strokes behind as he tries to become the second player in the last 50 years to win consecutive Opens.

It was the lowest second round of scoring in US Open history, and the 71.9 average at Olympia Fields was the fifth lowest in any round.

That didn't make it any easier on Singh, who was heckled by a fan on the 14th hole as he was making a bid for major championship history.

After an 8-iron into 4 feet, a fan called out, "If it would have been Annika, it would have gone in the hole."

As security escorted the fan from Olympia Fields, Singh appeared to raise his putter at him. Then, he stood over the putt and holed it for birdie.

Asked about the incident, Singh said, "I didn't notice anything."

Rocco Mediate, his playing partner and a former neighbor in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, made it sound as if it were impossible to ignore.

They cheered Singh long and loud as he played the final holes Friday afternoon, flawless execution from a two-time major champion.

The scores were unlike anything the US Open had seen in 10 years.

The cut was 3-over-143, the lowest in history. It was 1-over 145 in 1990 at Medinah, the last time a US Open was held outside Chicago.

First-round co-leader Tom Watson faded over the back nine, but still had a 72 and was four strokes behind.

"We're not done," said his caddie, Bruce Edwards, who is dying of Lou Gehrig's disease. AP

2nd round scores:

133—J. Furyk 67-66, V. Singh 70-63

135—S. Leaney 67-68, J. Byrd 69-66

136—N. Price 71-65, E. Romero 70-66, F. Jacobson 69-67, T. Woods 70-66, J. Leonard 66-70

137—R. Damron 69-68, T. Watson 65-72

138—S. Cink 70-68, W. Austin 74-64, B. Jobe 70-68, I. Legatt 68-70, T. Byrum 69-69, D. Forsman 71-67

139—B. Quigley 65-74, D. Clarke 70-69, D. Toms 72-67, K. Triplett 71-68, A. Cejka 73-66, T. Petrovic 69-70, C. Kresge 69-70, E. Els 69-70, D. Stiles 71-68

140—D. Pride 71-69, J. Kaye 70-70, P. Mickelson 70-70, L. Janzen 72-68, M. O'Meara 72-68, M. Weir 73-67, A. Cabrera (ARG) 72-68, R. Dillon 72-68, H. Tanaka 69-71, C. Campbell 70-70, B. Langer 70-70, B. Mayfair 69-71, M. Calcavecchia 68-72

141—T. Kuehne 74-67, P. Lonard 72-69, J. Williamson 72-69, L. Roberts 69-72, P.g Harrington 69-72, J. Rose 70-71 AFP

'Welcome to SLLP'

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THE CYCLONEFERROS controversy has once again become the favorite topic all over the off-track betting sites. We've been deluged anew by mails and calls regarding the incident but let me share with you the views of reader Chino Guerra, a veteran *karerista* from Sampaloc, Manila.

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

This item involves the latest controversy on the disqualification of Cycloneferros in Race 6 last June 7 at the Santa Ana Park.

The racing stewards may have correctly cited/applied the rules for the disqualification of the winning horse but there were significant elements present in the incident that were not considered in deciding the outcome of the race.

I believe majority of race aficionados who watched the race on video would agree with my observation that, though Cycloneferros' gate opened prematurely or ahead of the other entries' video clips (taken at lateral view), there was no undue advantage enjoyed by the actual winner. All the entries broke from the gates relatively as one.

In fact, the two losing entries, Master Strategist and Master Sherwin, both speedsters, went for the early lead with Cycloneferros settling in third or fourth place. The more important consideration that was omitted by the stewards was said horse won the race in runaway fashion or clear winner by 3-4 lengths (or far bigger margin), and the declared winner, Master Sherwin, barely nosed out top pick Master Strategist for second place.

What should be pointed out here was the failure of the stewards to go to the video clips (from different angles) for verification of their decision, similar to new rules in officiating basketball where in case of doubt, referees consult the video for better view and judgment. Technology should be given weight in deciding the results of the contested race to erase doubts that human factor (read: favoritism and/or judgment error) prevails in the not-so-fair world of gaming.

What made the controversy more dismaying was the delayed advisory of declaring said horse as non-starter that entitled bettors for refund and/or consolation prizes. Such delay or indecision caused bettors to throw away their "losing tickets."

Incidentally, why was there no consolation prize/refund for Daily Double Plus 1 combination 10-1-4? Please cause the re-dissemination of DD1 ruling through people covering the races, for clarification of the betting public.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,
CHINO GUERRA

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So Hermie Esguerra has finally allowed his horses to race at the San Lazaro Leisure Park. That, *kareristas* say, is the biggest thing which happened so far at the "world-class" Carmona, Cavite track.

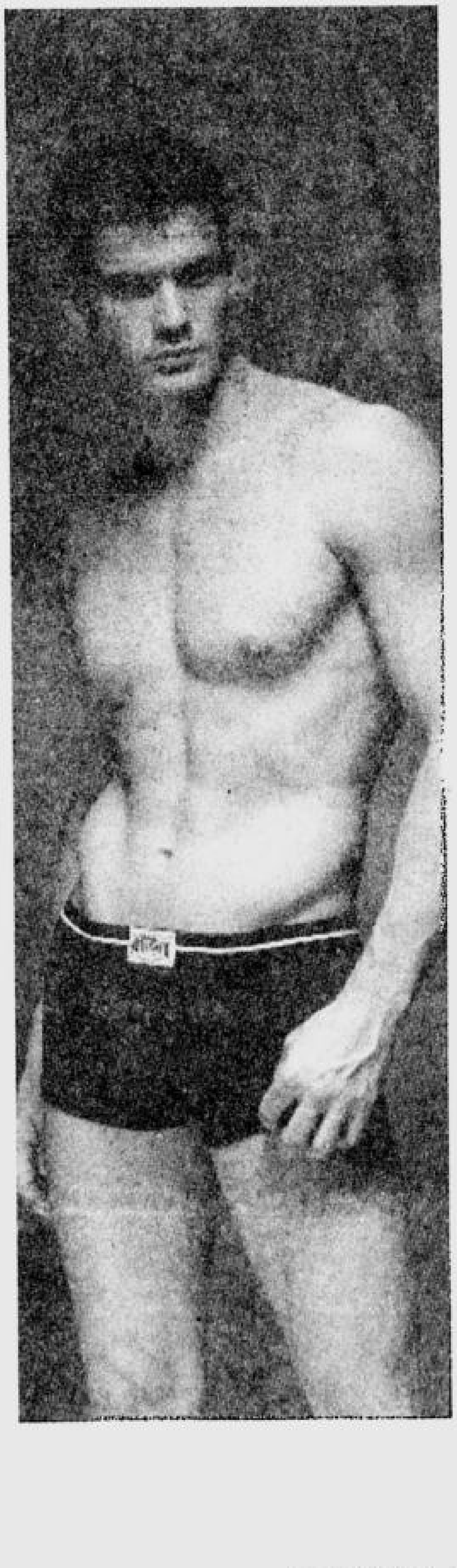
Hermie's "go signal" officially started Friday when Siete de Marso and High Octane competed in races 9 and 10, both winning in impressive style. Two days earlier, Arrivederci and Bukambibig saw action in a barrier trial.

High Octane, my Silip Boy said, needs to familiarize himself with the SLLP track in preparation for the J.V. Ongpin Cup on June 29.

Observers noted that the arrival of Hermie's popular fleet of gallopers is expected to boost the facility's image.

As racing commentators Howie Basilio, Andy Sevilla and Vince Trinidad say, "Welcome to the SLLP, Boss Hermie."

By the way, the analysis cum tip-giving portion of Howie and Vince is eagerly awaited by *kareristas* because they use it as basis ("asintahan" in racing parlance) for placing their bets. Keep up the good work, *mga pare ko!*



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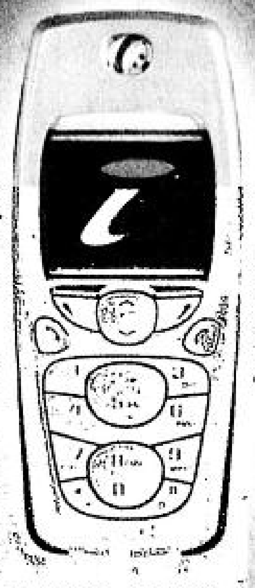
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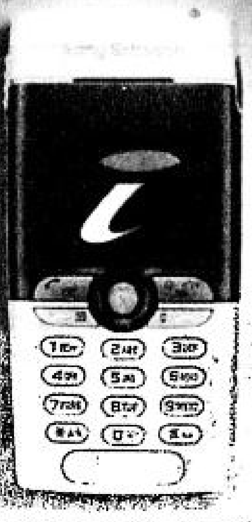
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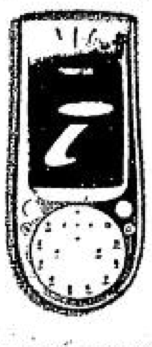
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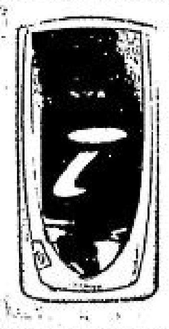
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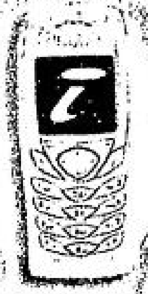
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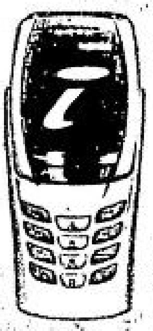
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Poverty and love for learning mark this executive's life

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

POVERTY is something National Transmission Corp. president Alan T. Ortiz knows first hand.

Born in Leveriza, Pasay in 1953, he grew up in a one-bedroom affair in the basement of his uncle's house that had no bathroom. Calls from Mother Nature had to be answered "out back".

If the neighborhood had its way, Ortiz would have ended up with either the Sigue Sigue or Oxo gangs that prowled the streets for fresh recruits.

But Ortiz' parents were determined to provide a better life for him and his four siblings.

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By scrimping and saving, Ortiz' mother moved the family out of the basement into a two-bedroom house in Quezon City that, unfortunately, still had no water closet. All they had was a tiny hole in the ground, but a big determination to move up in the world.

Education was Ortiz's salvation and he went to the Ateneo grade school through a scholarship. What he did not learn in school, he got through reading.

Stars and Stripes

While other children in the '60s devoted their time to reading Tagalog comics, Ortiz devoured copies of Stars and Stripes, a newspaper of the American forces that his mother regularly brought home from the Jusmag compound in Quezon City. His mother would get things that Americans would leave behind and sell these.

Ortiz hungrily pored through the articles from cover to cover and the pages opened up another world for the grade school student, making him intimately familiar with American idioms and way of thinking.

That experience, Ortiz now says, gave him his first taste of globalization.

The second came when his father passed away when he was 18, and an Economics student at the Ateneo de Manila University.

By this time they were living at Teacher's Village in Quezon City.

"My mother turned our house into a boarding house to make ends meet. We got a lot of foreign

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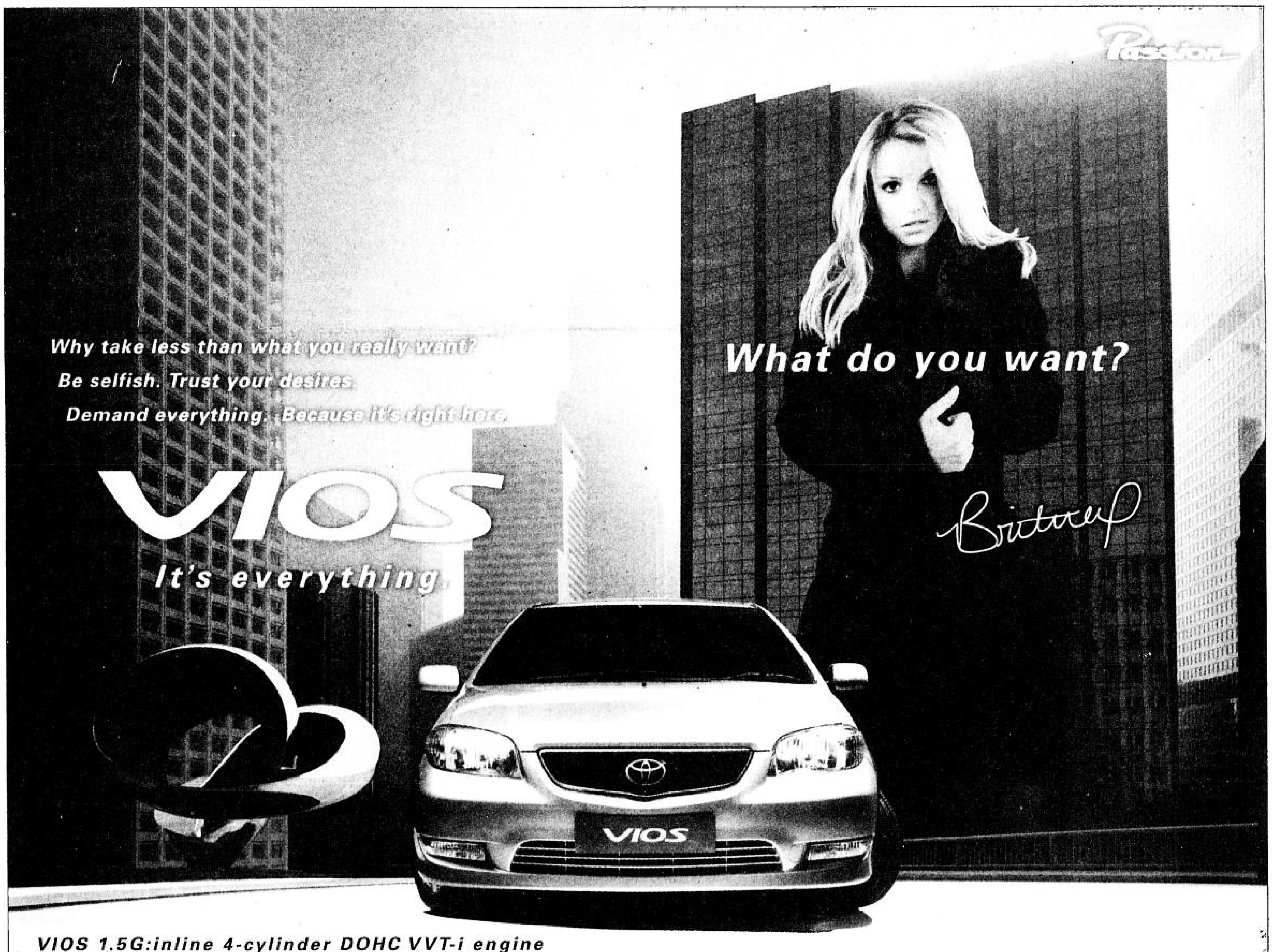
ORTIZ as a young boy growing up in Leveriza, Pasay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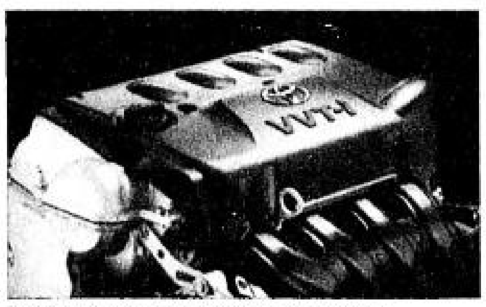

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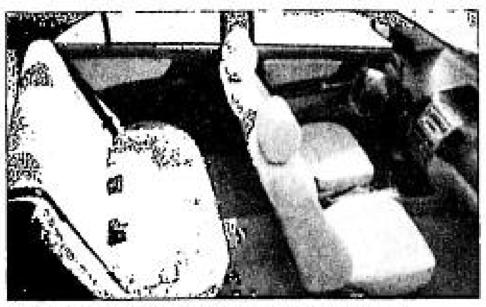

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Water is big business even during dry times

JOSE Antonio Soler

CLEAN, fresh water still proves to be a reliable, in-demand product during lean times. As families cut on costs, water remains a staple.

Solerex Water Technologies, a medium-sized firm engaged in the sale, franchising and management of water refilling stations, has proven e with its impressive store network that totals more than 1200 water refilling stations in the Philippines and 50 in Malaysia and Indonesia. Since last year, the company's flagship product, aptly named Crystal Clear Water Stores, has produced about 200 franchised stores, steadily increasing it to an average ofs ix to eight franchised stores per month. An additional eight non-franchised stores likewise open monthly.

Solerex is Filipino owned. It ventured into the water refilling stations business in 1997, forming the Crystal Clear store network that is the second most extensive in the country.

President Jose Antonio Soler says Solerex remains "the only remaining water Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) in the Philippines." The process used is reverse osmosis.

Soler elaborates, "We started out as a water equipment firm, we understand fully the technology and took that expertise to fit the market and to make the business more viable. Our technology guarantees safety in terms of cleanliness and equipment maintenance. We've done our homework and our people know the various solutions to provide in response to our store owners' needs, as well as the concerns of their consumers."

Each Crystal Clear water store offers 6,000 gallons a day at a basic investment of P375,000.

"We offer in-house financing and training. The financing is done up to 24 months. We understand that most of these people who come to us may not have all of that necessary cash. We charge only 50 percent upfront, and the balance is payable up to 24 months. There are royalties but the amount is minimal," Soler says.

Soler is confident that the store franchise will earn the remaining 50 percent balance in that time period. "Our success rate? Eighty-five percent of our stores are earning. Most of the other fifteen percent consist of newly opened stores, and business is busy picking up in these areas. We have good reason to be optimistic.

"Healthy liquid substances will never lose demand. Families and companies may reduce on other items, but water is a must for survival. Do the math. At P22-50 a day, cigarette spending is more expensive than buying a gallon of water which costs only P8 a day. Gas is also more expensive at P19 per litter. Water is an expensive - but vital - product. You can't lose with this."

The international market is also beckoning. While most companies have scaled down their operations, Solerex has established itself way past Philippine frontiers. Fifty stores are running successfully in Indonesia and Malaysia, managed by Filipino managers sensitive to the local nature and savvy to the technical requirements. Soler emphasizes, "Water is the one product that will always be in-demand everywhere, regardless of race, social strata, and location."

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32 Sharpen
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40 "Beat it!"
42 Dandy
45 Simpson of fashion
47 Sausage segment
48 TV's "— & Greg"
50 Tax shelter
51 Wolsey's successor
52 Green house?
53 Pianist Glenn
54 Light beer
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59 PR concern
60 Shuffleboard stick
62 Bovine bellow
63 Swarm (with)
66 Word with man or maiden
67 Middle of remark
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75 Borscht ingredient
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80 Dietary need
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106 It may be split
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119 Bustle
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121 Taj town
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8 Entertainer Falana
9 Archaeological activity
10 "He's making — . . ."
11 Muslim pilgrimage
12 Place
13 "Ma — Amie" ('70 tune)
14 Fess up
15 Cranny's companion
16 "Rule Britannia" composer
17 Youngster
21 Comprehend
27 Raison d'—
28 Pull sharply
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55 In the thick of
57 Expert
58 Eddie of vaudeville
61 Nationality suffix
62 "Waltzing —" (1903 song)
64 Pupil's place
65 Dotty inventor?
67 Servile
68 Prophet
69 Neatened (up)
70 Sock part
71 Characterize
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73 Psychic Geller
79 Rug type
81 Arthur of "Maude"
83 Mongrel
84 Handle
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88 Cozy coat
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103 High-toned guy?
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105 Henry VIII's house
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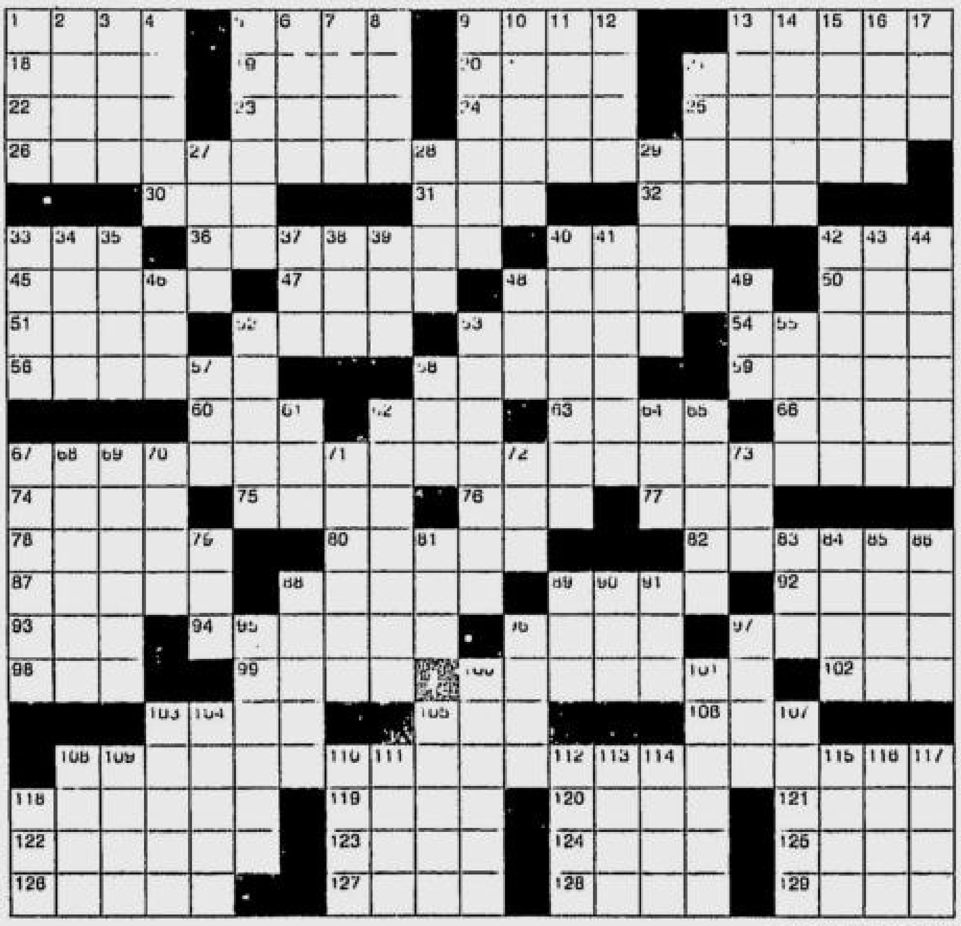

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Poverty and love for learning mark . . .

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boarders because we were in Teacher's Village. We had Cambodians, Thais, Vietnamese and Americans who were studying in the University of the Philippines," Ortiz tells SundayBiz.

Exposure to people

His early exposure to people of different nationalities made him sensitive to different cultures and this came in handy when he became editor in chief of the Guidon, the school paper of the Ateneo.

That position was his ticket to getting his first job as a speechwriter of former Agriculture Secretary Arturo Tanco in 1975.

"He apparently really wanted the editor in chief of the Guidon to be his speechwriter, that's why I got the job," Ortiz says.

He got P600, which was quite big compared to the average starting salary at that time of between P350 and P400. He gave half to his mother, who used it to finance the education of his four younger siblings, and the other half went to his expenses, which included books.

Voracious reader

"I have always read a lot of books. I spent about P80 to P100 a month for books. I think I have about 5,000 books and I read about everything. It is a passion," Ortiz says.

Ortiz was just into his first year in DA when he was transferred to the defunct Energy Development Board as deputy executive director. His task was to lead a team that would draft the country's first Philippine Energy Development Plan.

That plan already took into account energy sources such as the nuclear power plant. He admits that he did not know too much about energy but he applied himself to his task by reading everything that he could about the subject, making him comfortable enough to lead the task force.

Continuous learning

Ortiz' destiny, however, was not in the EDB. Always hungry for new challenges, he took up the opportunity to take up his doctoral degree in International Relations in the University of Pennsylvania.

"That was my third taste of globalization," Ortiz says.

He always thought that taking up further postgraduate studies, after getting his master's degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines (1978), was just a pipe dream because he had no money.

And when he went to the Ateneo in April of 1980 to "beg" for a scholarship, he had to face a professor whom he considered a nemesis because he was hard on him during class.

"But then minutes after I left the room that professor came running down the stairs and told me that Ateneo would be sending me on that scholarship I wanted. I cried. I was in Katipunan weeping with joy," Ortiz recalls.

Ateneo was not sorry it sent Ortiz as he blossomed in the university. He spent his first two years as a full time student but the next two years he had to work as a teaching fellow as the Ateneo scholarship was just for two years.

"For four years I was teaching and writing. I was a senior resident and I still say that those were the best years of my life because I had the luxury of learning. I used to just walk down the aisles of the library and read. That library even had many first edition books on the Philippines that we did not have here," he says.

Thesis on Mindanao

He focused his dissertation on the Mindanao problem and he is proud to say that the late Senator Benigno Aquino was one of those who encouraged him to study the Muslim problem.

Ortiz adds that he even became something of a celebrity in Philadelphia in 1986 while he was finishing his dissertation because news broke on the Edsa revolution.

"I got a lot of calls and suddenly I was talking about it in school," Ortiz says.

His heady days at the university ended in 1986 after getting his degree in International Relations with distinction. He then worked for Goldman Sachs from June 1986 to Dec. 1987.

He says it was just one of the 200-plus companies that he applied for and his two-year stint in the company firmly put him on the path to corporate finance.

"That Goldman Sachs job became the basis for all the finance jobs. I worked for them for two years in Tokyo where I studied bonds and trading, and I had to learn all these from scratch," Ortiz says.

Even as Ortiz relished his stay in the United States, he knew in his heart that he would have to go back to the Philippines.

GRADUATION day at the Ateneo Grade School, April 1967 with late father Augusto and mother, Catalina

THE SCHOLAR at the University of Pennsylvania, January 1986.

That opportunity came in 1988 when he was asked to join the Department of Foreign Affairs as a consultant for the policy research and planning department. Then in 1989 he moved to the National Security Council under President Corazon Aquino.

His task at that time as assistant director-general for planning and research was to introduce economics as a part of providing a permanent solution to security problems.

"I said yes so I took a deep cut in my salary and started anew in the Philippines. I always knew I did not want to be an American-based Filipino so that job offer was a perfect excuse to come back," Ortiz says.

A new president was elected in 1992 and Ortiz was asked to stay on in government by President Fidel V. Ramos, this time as executive director of the Coordinating Council for the Philippine Assistance Program.

FILIPINO delegate for the Southeast Asian youth in October 1975.

In 1994, he moved on to the Development Bank of the Philippines as vice chair and chief operating officer.

Government service has always been close to Ortiz' heart but he had to take up the offer to move to Dharmala Philippines Inc. in August 1995, thinking that it was time to build his house.

"That experience in Dharmala was bittersweet but I always believe that things happen for a reason," he says.

Ortiz went to the power sector in December 1997 as president and country manager of Edison Mission Energy Phils. and in 1999 he joined colleagues to form CEOs Inc., a consultancy firm that helps companies in restructuring efforts.

Finally he moved to Transco as its new president and his task is to provide transmission facilities across the Philippines and assist in the privatization of the power sector.

Ortiz believes that his Transco job is the culmination of all his experiences from the political to the economic and he is determined to do a good job as he has always done since he penned that first speech for Tanco.

As Ortiz celebrates his golden year this year, he says he has no plans of retiring, that he still has many plans to help the Philippines in its war against poverty.

"It is a war that will last many lifetimes but I feel that I am in a position to do something because I came from it," he says.

ORTIZ today

Promoting coffee in RP means reviving an industry

MAYOR Albert Ambagan (middle) spearheads Adopt-A-Coffee Farm program to rehabilitate the local coffee industry. From left are Rene Tongson, Irene Loren, Jose F. Reano, Cristina Capistrano, Maricar Peralta.

COFFEE has become a hot product since the opening of a popular coffee chain a few years ago. As a result, mushrooming coffee houses are now being encouraged by the government to distribute local varieties. What people may not be aware of is that we have been planting coffee for well over a century. Fact is, the Philippines is one of the few countries that produce all four varieties of coffee beans—Arabica, Robusta, Liberica and Excelsia.

Data gathered in 2002 (National Coffee Development Board) reveal that the Philippines' annual coffee production is about 20,000 metric tons. Sadly, this falls short of the estimated annual consumption of 55,000 metric tons and the industry has to rely on imports, thus draining the economy of millions of pesos in the process.

In the Philippines, foremost coffee-producing town of Amadeo, Cavite, people are waking up to this reality.

"The economic slump of the late 1990s weakened the morale of our farmers. They cut down their coffee trees and planted other cash crops. Now, we are taking steps to revive the coffee industry," states Amadeo Municipal Mayor Albert Ambagan, Jr.

The town of Amadeo will bring its coffee awareness campaign to the Coffee, Tea and Specialty Beverage Trade Show, organized by Primetrade Asia Inc. and slated on July 4-6, 2003 at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall.

Little town wakes up

Amadeo accounts for the largest percentage of the country's coffee production, thus earning the title of Coffee Town of the Philippines. It has been designated as the model local government unit (LGU) of the National Coffee Rehabilitation and Fertilization Program, which was launched by the National Coffee Development Board (NCDB). The program covers 22 coffee-producing provinces, with Cavite as the lead province.

In line with this, Ambagan has mounted the Adopt-A-Coffee Farm Program, a project that encourages the private sector to take part in the rehabilitation of the coffee industry by "adopting" and developing under-utilized fertile land for coffee farming. Through the program, investors will rent a farm for P1 per square meter per year.

"Our main concern here is to raise the morale of our farmers. They cannot pay taxes because the land does not earn. When an investor adopts a coffee farm, he will finance the development of the farm. He will shoulder the cost of labor, cultivation and fertilization with the backing of the government. Anything earned from that farm will go to him," Ambagan explains.

The mayor has employed 31 farm technicians who will train investors in the mechanics of coffee farming and monitor the progress of the "adopted" farms. They will provide cost-and-return analysis so that investors know what they will earn before they start planting.

Ambagan has set a target of 400 hectares of farmland to be adopted and developed within a year. Currently, there are 360 hectares of land available for adoption.

"It's a small area, so it can be easily monitored. We hope to develop more land, and encourage other provinces to mount similar projects. *Pero bago tayo magsabi sa iba, tayo muna ang gumawa*," Ambagan stresses.

The Municipal Council has set up the Café Amadeo Development Cooperative, composed of coffee experts and traders that facilitate production, research and development, and marketing of products, most notably Amadeo's own Café Amadeo. This unique blend is distributed to major coffee houses that offer local coffee blends.

"Our traders are engaged in direct selling. They don't just sell green coffee beans. They also develop value added products like brewed coffee," explains Amadeo Municipal Councillor Rene Tongson, NCDB director.

A third component of Amadeo's coffee awareness campaign is the Leadership By Example program. During the rainy season, the mayor, vice-mayor, town councilors and Adopt-a-Farm participants will plant coffee trees within an area of half a hectare per person. Ambagan hopes this move will encourage the people of Amadeo to do their share in boosting the coffee industry.

Pahimis: Thanksgiving

In order to further spread awareness of its programs to other parts of the country, Amadeo has launched the Pahimis, or thanksgiving held every February to promote Amadeo as a tourist attraction and support the coffee industry. There is a free flow of brewed coffee all day long.

At the Coffee, Tea and Specialty Beverage Trade Show, there will be a showcase of products, including the famous Café Amadeo. In addition, Amadeo's coffee experts, led by Councilor Tongson, will share their know-how in a free seminar on the Adopt-a-Farm program on July 5 at 10:30 a.m.

"Coffee has been here in Amadeo since the 19th century. Because of the Pahimis, *mula sa pagiging tulog na bayan, nakilala rin kami*. By participating in the Trade Show, we can get more people to participate in our projects and encourage other coffee-producing provinces to follow Amadeo's example. We look forward to the day when Amadeo will advance from being a Coffee Town to the country's Coffee Capital," Ambagan concludes.

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Pre-school franchising is no child's play

ROWENA Matti supervises the young wards.

SACRED Heart School's venture into franchising was the result of both coincidence and a gut feel of a family of entrepreneurs.

The school was founded in 1968 by Rosario Tambunting-Juan in Malabon. Through the years, as various branches were established, the school became known for its high quality education at the pre-school level.

In 1991, it introduced the Japanese Kumon method of teaching Math

Four years later, Sacred Heart School had another first. It became the first pre-school to open a children's activity center at a mall. The opening of the activity center at the 5th floor of Shangri-La mall was such a success that the school director and Rowena J. Matti, the daughter of Rosario, received so many inquiries about franchising the school.

It was a light bulb moment for the family. Rowena, at the urging of her businessman-father Bienvenido, attended a local franchising convention. She learned that Sacred Heart School is ripe enough for franchising. Rowena says, "The school met the basic requirements for franchising such as the business should be operating for a number of years with a credible reputation, financial stability and a high quality product." The Juan family hired a franchising consultant and, thus, Eduworld, the franchising arm of Sacred Heart School, was born.

Eduworld now has nine franchised schools located in Forbes Park; Bacolod; De La Rosa, Legaspi Village; Sun Valley, Parañaque; Shangrila mall; Tagaytay, Goodwill Glorietta, Cebu and the latest in Ortigas. It will also open franchises at The Fort and in Binondo during the third quarter of the year.

Eduworld offers to all of its franchisees a system of running a successful school with the goal of providing a values-based education to pre-school kids.

With the assistance of the consultant, Eduworld developed manuals for every facet of the

PRE-SCHOOL/ B5

Mindanao mall owner keeps the hope amid the bombings

By Volt Contreras

THE THIRD Fit Mall

TO THE horror of its owners, two Fit Mart malls in the cities of Tacurong and General Santos were rocked by bomb explosions in the summer of 2002.

The incidents, less than a month apart, left scores of innocent civilians dead and wounded, and further painted a violent picture of Mindanao.

But rather than lose courage, the family-owned corporation behind the department store chain forged ahead with the opening of its third mall recently—in a concrete expression of faith in the proverbial Land of Promise. The inauguration of a new Fit Mart mall in Koronadal City last May 12 was apparently meant to deliver a strong statement of hope for Mindanao, that no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo and Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon dropped in to lead local officials and mall executives in the ribbon-cutting.

"We pushed through with our expansion plans because we believe everything will be settled with the help of the government in due time," says Fit Mart executive Dindo Queveda. "'It will be our loss if we just allow (the bombings) to affect us," he says in a phone interview from Koronadal recently.

A planted bomb exploded just outside Fit Mart's Tacurong branch on March 4, 2002, although no one was reported killed. A deadlier blast hit the GenSan branch on April 21, wherein 15 persons perished and 60 others were hurt.

It took at least three days after the bombings for the mall's stream of customers to go back to "normal," Queveda recalls. Many potential mall tenants also backed out after the bombings, says Queveda, who's in charge of marketing the mall spaces to clients, most of which hold their main offices in Metro Manila. "Some of them already got nervous about coming over," he says.

The twin incidents thus forced him to relax his marketing efforts for at least "three months" until the negative publicity had faded away and "my chances of success has improved."

Now a 22-year-old venture, the Fit Mart Group of Companies was founded by Chinese businessman Ong Cia. Its first enterprise was a supermarket built in Marbel, Koronadal, in 1980. The Tacurong City mall opened in 1992, while the GenSan mall began operations in 1998. Today, the Fit Mart empire also includes a hotel, a bakeshop, a restaurant, and laundry services targeting a "growing tourist market" in Region 12, Queveda says.

The newly opened mall in Koronadal is "a dream that came true amid the bombings" for the family corporation.

To Gordon, the rise of the mall despite the violence that befell its elder sisters prove that "the people of Koronadal will not be intimidated or cover in fear."

"The mall owner still invested, which shows their commitment not only to provide a shopping and entertainment venue for the people but also much needed jobs and livelihood in Mindanao," Gordon says.

A native of Mindanao himself, Queveda laments the tendency of media reports to portray the whole island as "war zone" whenever violence erupts in a few areas.

"But we believe this situation will not be like this for life. Just give us a chance to show you what we have," he says, sneaking in another marketing pitch—not just for his newly built mall, but for his beloved Mindanao itself.

FEU celebrates Diamond year by honoring its graduates

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Text and photos by Mandy Navasero

TOP businessmen were honored recently by the Far Eastern University as part of its 75th founding anniversary.

The commemoration featured activities ranging from an opening of exhibits at the university pavilion to a band concert at the quadrangle.

The highlight of the anniversary was the presence of President Macapagal-Arroyo who spoke at the FEU auditorium. She congratulated the university's role in helping shape the history of the nation and the lives of 23,000 students today.

During the foundation week celebrations, the Model Employee Awards were given; FEU also honored more than 100 students. The first Nicanor Reyes Challenge, an interschool public speaking competition, also saw light.

On May 30, FEU's 75th founding anniversary celebrations was highlighted by the Awarding of the Outstanding Alumni at a Gala Night at The Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-la Hotel and hosted by its chairperson and president, Dr. Lourdes R. Montinola and Dr. Lydie B. Echauz, respectively.

Awardees

The awardees were in three clusters. Cluster I was composed of: Dr. Fernando G. Ayuyao, medicine; Jorge L. Banal; public/government service; Arthur C. Cantos, nursing; Flordeliza A. Castro, education.

John L. Choa, business and industry; Rolando L. Crodero; Edwin M. Cordevilla, journalism; Victoriano V. Cruz, entrepreneural leadership; Josefina T. Cunanan-de Jesus, education; Guillermo M. de Leon Jr., education; Dr. Rosalinda Datu-Evangelista, business and industry.

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Dr. Josephine Cojuanco-Reyes, education; Dr. Rolando M. Solis, medicine, public/government service; Dr. Henry Sy Sr., business and industry;

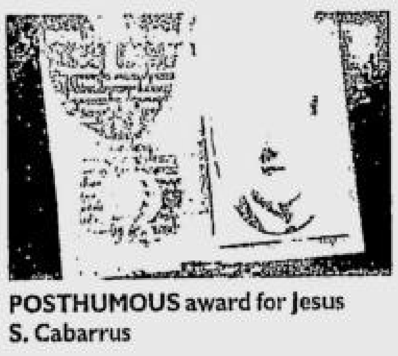
Dr. Ramon Y. Sy, business and industry; Dr. Wilfrido C. Tecson, business and industry; Justice Eubulo G. Verzola, law; Tomas J. Viray, entrepreneurship; and Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco, statesmanship /diplomacy.

Posthumous awardees: Don Jesus S Cabarrus, education, represented by his son, Jose Cabarrus.

Dr. Nicanor M. Reyes, business and industry, the eldest son of the FEU founder, was installed as the sixth president of the university.

HENRY Sy Sr.

RAMON Sy



POSTHUMOUS award for Jesus S. Cabarrus

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business be it recruitment and training, operations or accounting.

Strategy

Eduworld's strategy is to open a maximum of three schools per year. But Matti says if it cannot it wouldn't really matter as while it is bent on expanding, it should not be at the expense of quality education.

Graduates of Sacred Heart School have a batting average of 99.9-percent acceptance in the country's top grade schools such as Ateneo, La Salle and Poveda.

To maintain this, she emphasizes that Eduworld has a deliberately strict screening process of franchise applications. It is not enough that an applicant has the capability to pay for the one-time franchisee fee and monthly royalty fees.

The franchisee has to love children and should have a passion for their proper education. After the initial meetings, the would-be franchisee is given a chance to observe a school, and to meet with the school directors and the board of directors.

Though it is not a must, it would help the franchisee to manage the school if she has a background in education, early childhood education or psychology. Once her application is approved, she is expected to be a hands-on manager every day from Monday to Saturday.

This is the reason why the school director's office in any Sacred Heart School is located up front. She has to know who is entering the school and what is happening in the classes at any given time.

Each franchised school is regularly evaluated by the board and the Eduworld team. To ensure that the mission and vision of Sacred Heart School are applied, there are scheduled meetings with the school director on target number of enrollees and budget management, school visits, "mystery shopper," and, if required, additional training for both the director and the teachers. Rowena says, "The relationship between Eduworld and the franchisees is just like a marriage. It needs constant communication, strong support system and a winner's attitude."

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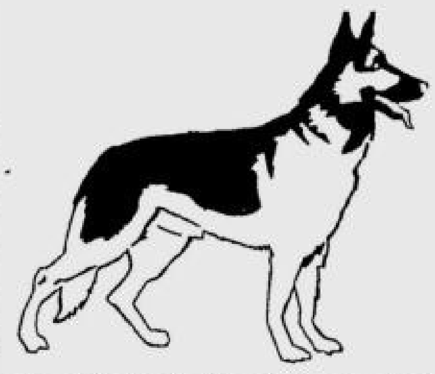

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Q: How much can I save using myDream JCB Card if I purchase on installment?

A: In these times of economic difficulties, getting more value for your money is a primary concern of every cardholder. With myDream JCB's very affordable annual fee and very low interest rates, you actually pay less for your purchases than what you would normally pay using other credit card brands.

Q: How much is the annual fee of myDream JCB? What about regular revolving interest rate? How much can one save using myDream JCB?

A: myDream JCB cardholders are able to save considerably on the cost of maintaining a credit card since their annual fee of P800 is the lowest among all international card brands. Additionally, myDream JCB offers the lowest effective revolving interest rate of 2.5% per month.

Q: Are the low annual fee and low interest rates of myDream JCB offered on "promo offer" basis only?

A: No, unlike other credit card brands which offer promos wherein your first-year annual fee is waived but eventually you are charged a high annual fee on your 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of membership, myDream JCB charges you a consistently low annual fee of P800, the lowest among international credit card brands. The same is true with myDream JCB's low revolving effective rate of 2.5 percent per month and its low effective installment interest rates of 1.5 percent per month for 3 months, 1.75 percent per month for 6 months and 2 percent per month for 12 months. These rates are offered on a long-term basis and not on a limited, promo basis only.

Q: How can I immediately enjoy the savings that myDream JCB card has to offer?

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Product FILES

Manels signs Aliya Parcs

MANEL Leathergoods has recently signed up singer and commercial model Aliya Parcs as its newest endorser. As part of the 2003 campaign, Aliya is set to conquer billboards, posters and print ads for Manel's latest shoes and leathergoods collection. In photo during the contract signing are (from left) singer and commercial model Aliya Parcs and Manels vice president Noel Siggaoat.

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'My Ford Lego Truck'

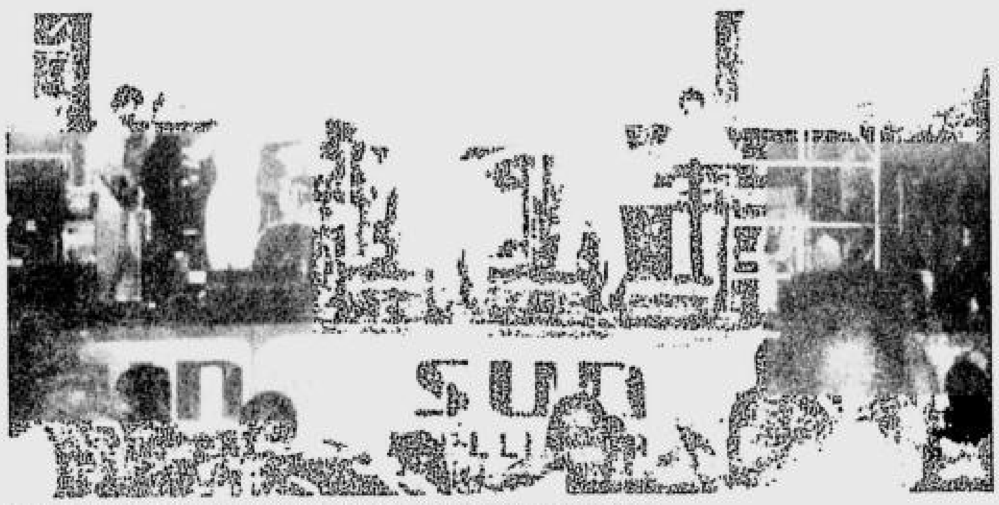
SINCE April, Ford dealerships nationwide were abuzz with the sight and sound of children playing as it mounted the "Ford Kids Lego-Building Contest," where children aged 7 to 12 were tasked to create the best-looking Ford Truck using Lego blocks. A total of nine of elimination rounds were held in different Ford dealerships. Winners of the elimination round include: Josef Raymond Novales (Ford Balintawak), Archimedes Go (Ford Makati), Carlo Duay (Ford EDSA), Frederick Ho (Ford Libis), Carlo Biazon (Ford Alabang) and Louie Marvin Collamat (Ford Cebu), Marjoe Miranda (Ford Pampanga), Enrique Panganiban (Ford Quezon Ave.) and Antonio Rodolfo Chua (Ford Davao). The names of these kids and their actual Ford Lego truck winning entries are now being showcased at the dealer showroom where they won. Aside from having their Ford Lego Trucks on display, these kids now get the chance to compete in the Ford Lego-Building Contest Grand Finals to be held at the Glorietta Activity Center today. Kids who make it to grand finals will have the chance to win as much as P15,000 worth of gift certificates from Gift Gate/Lego, Timezone card worth P5,000, tickets to Enchanted Kingdom for four family members and Ford Merchandise worth P10,000.

Business Forum on Environmental Management

COINCIDING with Environment Month this year, a "Business Forum on Environmental Management" will be held on June 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Wack-Wack Golf and Country Club, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. Organized by the Philippines-France Professionals Association and Women In Construction, Inc., the forum will focus on the following topics: Solid Waste Management, Bio-Medical Waste Management, and Construction Waste Management. The business forum is co-sponsored by the Embassy of France in Manila, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and the National Solid Waste Management Commission. Interested parties may call Convex International at 726-4128 to 30 or email: convex@mozcom.com.

METROBANK COPS ANOTHER DBP AWARD

Metrobank received another award from the Development Bank of the Philippines during its recent Appreciation Program for Top Performing Financial Institutions and Funders. The event was held at the Bulwagan ng Diwang Pilipino, DBP head office, Makati City with Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho as guest of honor. Photo shows Metrobank vice chair Placido Mapa Jr. and FVP Diana Enrique (partly hidden) as they receive the IGLF Special Citation trophy from (from left) DBP president and CEO Simon Paterno; chair Vitaliano Nañagas II; Asian Dev't Bank Housing and Finance specialist Michael Lindfield; World Bank country director Robert Vance Pully; SEVP for Wholesale Banking Sector Panser Tumangan; and Finance Undersecretary Eric Recto.



CELEBRATION OF A NEW SUN STREET PARTIES

Sun Cellular dazzled the most happening places recently in an impressive celebration of the rising of a new Sun. The events were called "Sun Rise: a Celebration Event". Full house crowds marked the three simultaneous celebration events, as excited subscribers partied with the swingiest bands in town. Top music stations and high-profile TV networks such as GMA 7 and E! Entertainment attended the events. Other print and broadcast media also joined the parties. The Sun Cellular partygoers enjoyed free admission and musical treats. A number of lucky attendees even went home with Sun Cellular 64K Navigator SIMpacks and Panasonic GD55 and Nokia 3530 phone kits. Mobile consumers can already avail of the network's offering. Packages are available for i-Speak and i-Text plans with the hottest phone units such as Nokia 2100, 3530, 3650, 6610, 7250, 7650, 8910I, Panasonic GD 88, Sony Ericsson T10, P800, Motorola T190, Siemens S57. Each phone can be availed of with any Sun Cellular plan.

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Assumption HS '78 fund raising concert

ASSUMPTION High School '78 recently staged a fund raising concert entitled "Let's Groove Tonight" at Streetlife, Glorietta 3. This much awaited event featured some of the country's top musical showbands, a nostalgic AVP "Sights and Sounds of Batch '78", lots of fabulous prizes and tasty product samples given away by Nestle, one of the event's major sponsors. Batchmates and guests danced all night to the fabulous retro music rendered by the energetic Hyperbeat Band and the legendary Rage Band. A special guest appearance by Ogie Alcasid kicked off the festivities. The show was emceed by Assumption Batch '78 Gigi Piit-Adam and co-emceed by top FM disk jockey Carl Guzman.

Major sponsors are Nestle, The Philippine Daily Iquirer, Anita Chan Rockwell, The Spa at RCBC Plaza and fashion retailer InStyle. Co-sponsors include Cinderella, El Nido Resorts, Josephine Restaurant, The Peninsula - Manila, DTSI, Royal Cable, Globe, Asian Spirit, Body Visual, The Plaza, Directories Phils. Corp. and Benline Agencies (Phils.) Inc.

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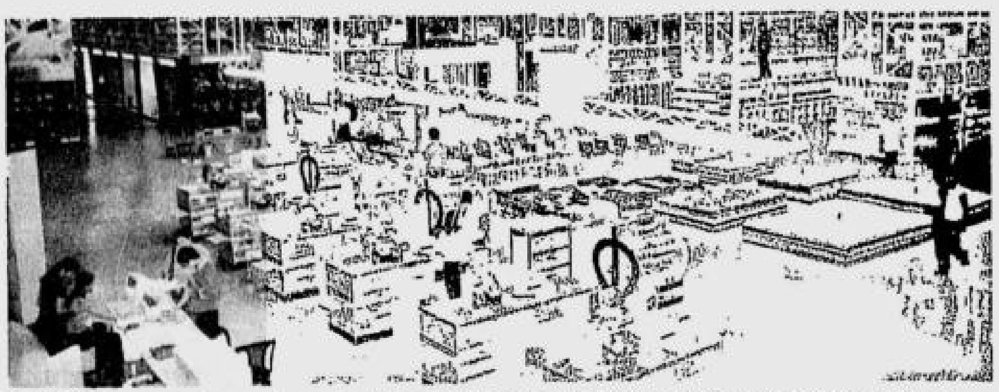
For this group, the business came before the know-how

By Leah Salterio



THE FIRM started by paying cash to its suppliers to establish a relationship and be noticed. Now it's the suppliers running after them.

WHEN a group of friends with hardly any experience in running a business planned to start a common venture, they envisioned a one-stop shop for constructing and furnishing a dream house.

The result was MC Home Depot, a place that sells everything one needs if one is a home builder, interior designer, contractors and even arts and crafts enthusiast.

"We wanted to come up with a concept for business, not just any business," says Joey Ocampo, vice president for finance of MC Home Depot. "We wanted a shop where buyers could find all that they need in one room. We wanted to offer reasonable prices for the materials, so that people will appreciate what they're buying and they will keep coming back to us."

The first MC Home Depot opened in 1995 at the former Mantrade Building at the corner of Pasong Tamo and Edsa in Makati, with then First Lady Ming Ramos as guest of honor.

The owners converted a 14,000 square meter area into a huge shopping outlet for housing materials and fixtures.

"We cleaned up Mantrade, which was full of grease at that time and turned it into a convenient area where house builders can find complete materials," says Ocampo.

"Our prices are not for A-B. We can even go C-D because we put very little markup unlike in the malls. People go to us to buy because everybody can afford our reasonable prices."

Ocampo confesses the first few months of business were hard.

"We didn't know how to do it. We didn't know what items to sell. No one wanted to deal with us. We had to court suppliers. What we did was we paid cash, so we could get the price we wanted and give the best price to customers. "That way, we established our ties. We were able to build a credit line. Now, the suppliers are the ones coming to us. We have direct contract with suppliers. We really learned through experience."

On their second year, the business started to peak, according to Ocampo.

"We got the confidence of the customers," Ocampo says.

The second MC Home Depot rose in Ortigas in 2000, with then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor.

To date, MC Home Depot has loyal clients like architects, lessors and contractors from as far as Leyte and Iloilo, who place their orders for shipping. On sale in the warehouse are over 300,000 items from more than a thousand suppliers.

"We're the most complete hardware which sells quantity, cheap products," Ocampo says. "And it's convenient, because we have different brands and varieties that customers can choose from.

"It's more practical too and less time-consuming. Contractors who used to go all the way to Alonzo and Soler streets in Sta. Cruz, Manila, now come to us."

With the success of its first two branches, the people behind MC Home Depot have expanded their business venture and constructed their biggest branch on a sprawling, three-hectare lot at The Fort, which will formally open next month.

There will be a 10-day sale from the launch, with activities like a flora and fauna exhibit, pottery, painting, candle-making and flower arrangement. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"This is the biggest branch where shoppers have unlimited sources of ideas and designs to choose from," Ocampo says. "There's no problem even in parking because we have a huge car park area."

Aside from doing good business, MC Depot has also taken on charitable causes. The business supports Migi's Corner Foundation Inc., which is devoted to uplifting the lives of young patients in government hospitals.

The foundation was put up by the family of journalist Cathy Babao-Guballa in memory of her son Migi, who passed away five years ago when he was only 4 years old.

To date, the foundation has set up eight Migi's Corners in the pediatric wards of government hospitals.

Although there are no plans yet for MC Home Depot to branch out in the province, the owners keep that vision in mind.

"If the opportunity comes, we want to be ready for it," Ocampo says.

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CENTER for Small Entrepreneurs' 2nd Kapihang Entrepinoy in partnership with the Entrepreneur Society of the Philippines. The business forum is set on June 30 at the Sendan Hall, Asian Social Institute, 1518 Leon Guinto cor. Escoda Sts. Malate, Manila. For queries, call 525-6268 or 523-9776. Photo shows Rhodora G. Hizon, Jose M. Diokno, Jimmy Siybauco, Gerry Dango. The theme is ABC's of Entrepreneurship. Topics include Entrepreneurship Today, Getting Started, Market Analysis, Marketing Mix Strategy, Financing the Business Venture, PLOC of the New Business, Family Businesses and Home-Based Businesses.

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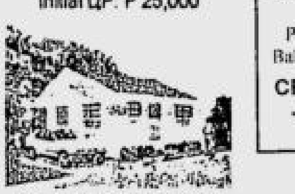

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Notice is given that the heirs of AUGUSTO M. JOAQUIN executed a deed of extrajudicial settlement of estate with waiver of rights duly acknowledged before notary public Romualdo D. Celestra in Paranaque City Phils. as Doc 86, Page18, Book XII, Series of 2003.
(PDI-June 15, 22, 29, 2003)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given of the loss of Petron Corp Stock Cert. # 0438635 1600share in the name of Wilfredo Peter Mariano R. Dosquitado. Shld no one contest on or bef. 6/29 /03 new cert. will be issued (PDI-June 15, 22, 29, 2003)

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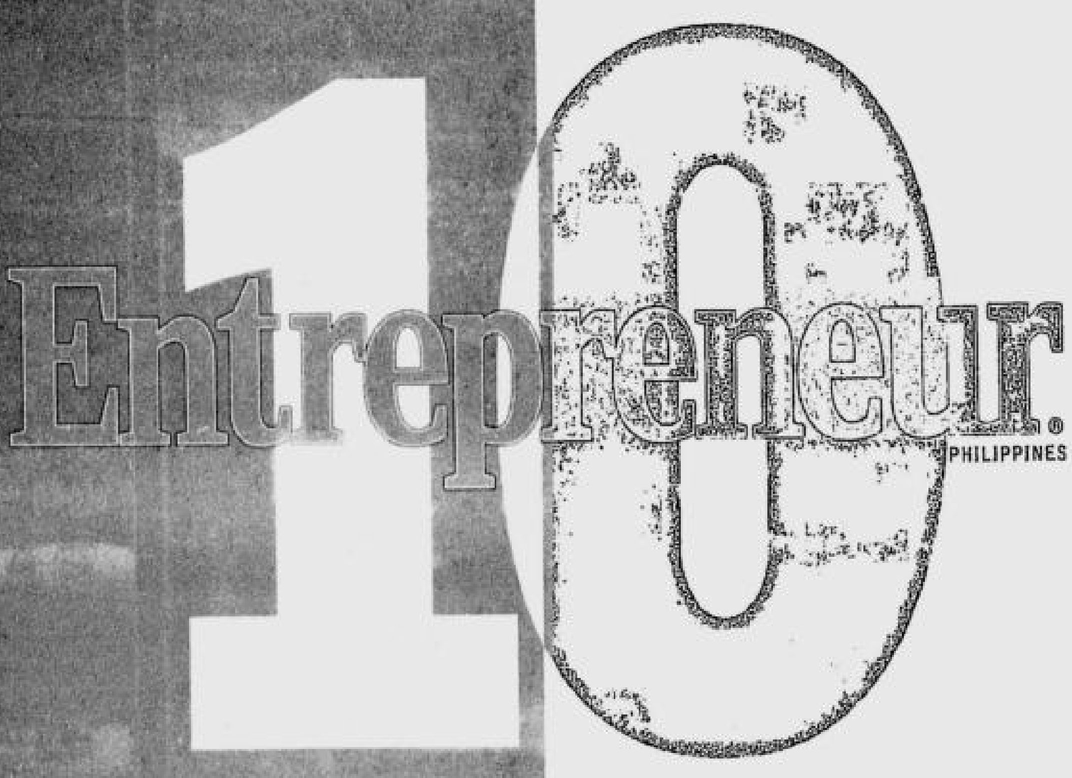

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The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from June 6, 2003 to June 25, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Unit (BSU), PPD upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00).*** In order to secure the documents, interested bidders should primarily submit a **Letter of Intent** including the names of at least five (5) authorized representatives of the company that will handle the above-mentioned project to the BSU **not later than 5:00 p.m., June 24, 2003.**

Pre-Bid Conference : June 25, 2003 (2:00 p.m.)

Submission of Bids : July 10, 2003 (2:00 p.m.)

Opening of Bids : July 10, 2003 (2:00 p.m. onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
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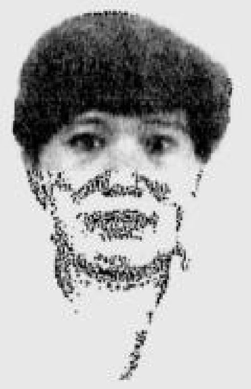
(PDI--June 8 & 15, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Notice is hereby given that **MS. SUSAN BIWANG SILVA** with last known address at #Z-6 Pres. Quirino St. Ext. Signal Village, Taguig, M.M. has been terminated with cause and is no longer connected with AOWA Electronic Philippines, Inc.

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(PDI – June 15, 2003)

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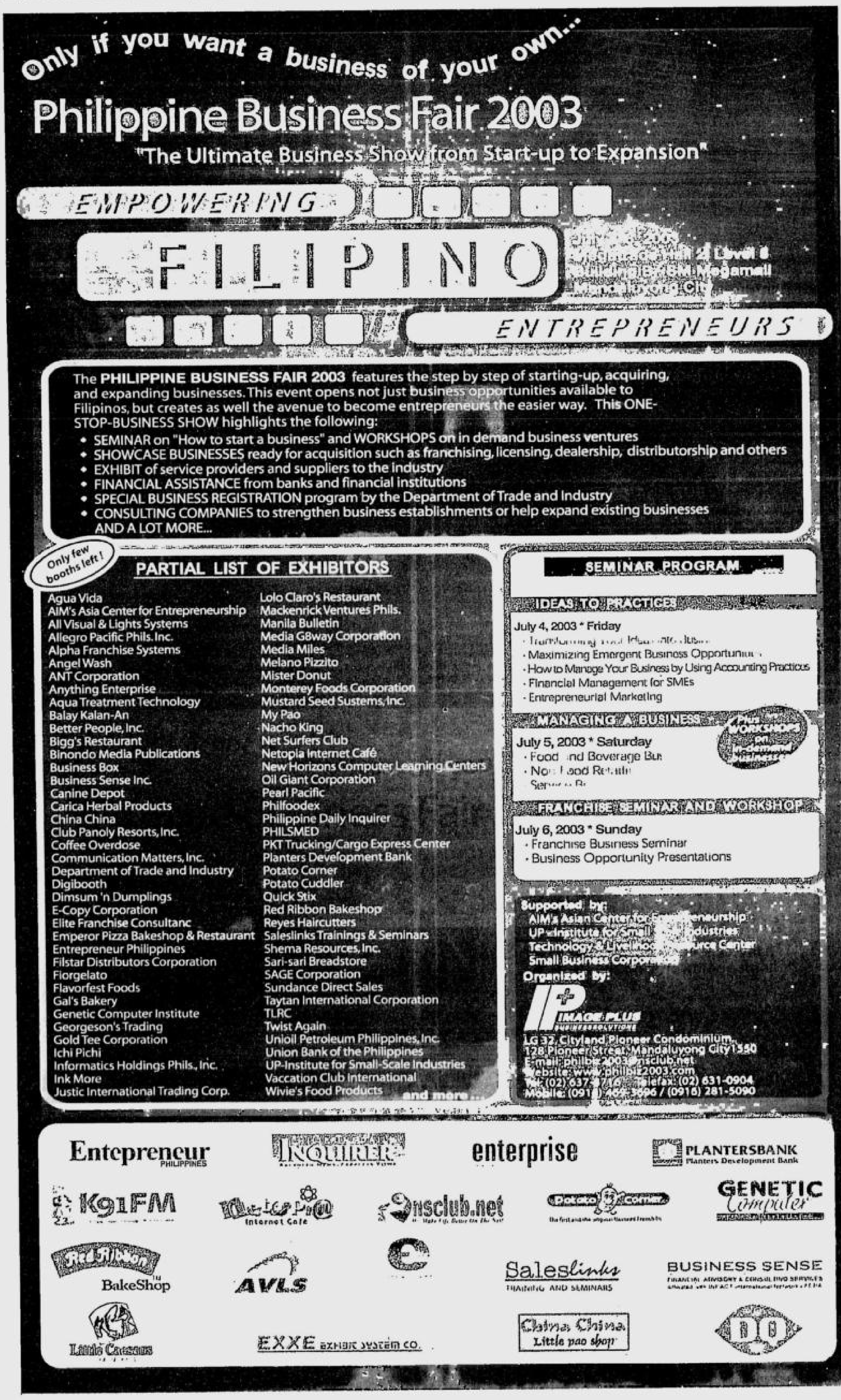

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OFFICE OF THE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

June 4, 2003

The Government of the Philippines (GOP), through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), has received an ODA Loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in the amount of NINE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE MILLION JAPANESE YEN (¥951 million) toward the cost of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Phase V (RWSSP V), Loan Agreement No. PH-201, dated **December 28, 1999**, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for which this Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid is issued. Disbursement of the ODA Loan by JBIC will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans". No party, other than the GOP, shall derive any right from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As to the remaining portion, the GOP and the concerned Provincial Local Government Unit (LGU) will take appropriate measures for finance.

JBIC requires the bidders and contractors, as well as the GOP and the Provincial LGU, under contracts funded with JBIC ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JBIC:

(a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt and fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;

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3. The DILG, on behalf of the Provincial LGU of the Province of Ilocos Sur, announces the intention of the Provincial LGU, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", to invite all interested Contractors, including voluntarily formed joint ventures, from all countries and areas to submit Expression of Interest for Eligibility Processing. Local Contractors shall be holders of the Philippine Contractor's Accreditation Board (PBC) License and Certificate of Registration and Classification of Contractors as Medium B for Water Supply. Foreign Contractors must be licensed and certified by their Embassy/Consulate in the country as a bonafide Contractor. If found Eligible, the Contractor must bid for the following:

ILOCOS SUR

Drilling/Construction of water supply projects, consisting of 33 units deep well, 6 units shallow well, and iron removal facilities as applicable, and 11 units of school toilet and 1 unit of public toilet; all as one contract package.

Contract duration is 300 calendar days.

4. Further information and the form for Expression of Interest for Eligibility Processing can be acquired, for free, from the Office of the Provincial Governor, Province of Ilocos Sur, Attention: the Chairman of BAC, Provincial Capitol, Vigan City, upon presentation of a written request from June 11, 2003 to June 21, 2003

5. The deadline for submission for Expression of Interest for Eligibility Processing shall not be later than 5:00 PM, June 30, 2003, the same to be submitted either by hands, registered mail or by courier, in sealed envelope duly labeled "Expression of Interest for Eligibility Processing, RWSSP V", to the Provincial Governor Province of Ilocos Sur Attention The Chairman BAC, Provincial Capitol Vigan City

6. It is expected that the Provincial LGU, the Employer, will issue only to Eligible Applicants the Certificate of Eligibility on or about July 15, 2003 wherein the schedule of issuance of Bid Documents, and submission and opening of bids will be announced. Bid Documents will only be issued to Eligible Applicant upon presentation of the original copy of the Certificate of Eligibility and upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P 2,500.00.

7. An Applicant, and if found Eligible, a bidder (including all members of a joint venture) shall not be one of the following:

(a) A firm or an organization which has been engaged by the DILG/Employer to provide consulting/NGO services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of this project;

(b) Any association/affiliation (inclusive of parent firm) of a firm or an organization mentioned in subparagraph (a) above; or

A firm organization who lend, or temporarily second their personnel to firms or organizations which are engaged in consulting/NGO services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be evolved in any capacity on the same project

8. The Eligibility of the Applicants will be evaluated based on the submission of Legal documents, Technical requirements and Financial documents using non-discretionary criteria of "PASS" or "FAIL"

9. A minimum requirement for qualification is to have successfully carried out similar projects at least for within the past (5) years.

10. The Employer shall under no circumstances be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed or sent through courier

11. The Employer reserves the right to:

amend the scope and value of any contract to be bid, in which event the contract will only be bid among those bidders who meet the requirements of the contract as amended;

(b) reject or accept any application,

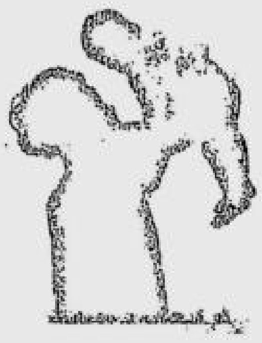
(c) cancel the Eligibility Processing and reject all Expression of Interest; and

(d) waive any formality in the Eligibility Processing to ensure that the objectives of the Eligibility Processing are met

The Employer shall neither be liable for any such actions nor be under any obligation to inform the Applicant of the grounds for them

(Sgd.) ATTY. AGRIPINO G. MORGA
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - June 15, 2003)



A DAD'S DAY Treat

FOR A SPECIAL MAN ON FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate the loving example of your life this Father's Day.

You bless not only your own children and family, but also all others who have the special privilege of knowing you. Thank you for "Fathering," mentoring, guiding and nurturing so many whose paths you cross.

We love and care for you. And we always pray for your good health and long life.

GOD BLESS

GREGORIO P. ALCANTARA, JR.
Chairman of the Board
and President
Provident Plans International Corporation

Happy Father's Day!

From: Sales Associates, Management and Staff of:
PROVIDENT PLANS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Valero Plaza, 124 Valero Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 815-3866; 892-7081; Fax 893-6058
Website: www.providentplans.com; **Email address:** president@providentplans.com

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Dearest **Papa**,

Thank you for the love
you are giving us
And thank you for your
support and
understanding.

Happy Father's Day!

We love You…

Sherwin,
Kerwin,
Kim and **Don**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
THIS IS PAPPY!

the greatest dad in the whole universe!

Happy
POPS
DAY!

love and prayers,

M J essi
ammy
immy &
-vik

Dearest,
Papa Camilo

Thank you for my early morning ride, dinner talks, TV times, goodnight kisses and weekend adventures.

Thank you for guiding me with a gentle but firm hand of love.

I love you so much.

Happy Father's Day!

Love, Loren

Papa Mannie,

We thank the LORD
for having you and for
all the love you
shower on us.

Happy Father's Day!
We Love you!
Mama Nini, Amiel and Marnie

Lolo Rene,
Happy Father's Day!
We love you!

ELLA
and LEO

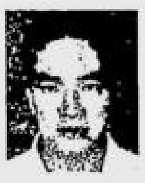
Daddy Ariel,

Happy Father's Day
Thanks for being a
great Dad!

Love, Ella and Leo

Daddy Ermel,
We cherish and love
you as God's most
precious gift to us.
Love,
Chariz and Erl Carlos

DAD,
Happy Father's Day.
Thank you for
watching over us.
ALEGRE FAMILY



DENG,
Thank you for
Loving me.
Happy Father's
Day!
OFEL

WANTED

#1 Father in the World
a.k.a.
LARRY CARACTA, JR.

Happy Father's Day!

Love, Loanne

NA

I want you to know that I love you so much. I'm so happy & grateful to have you. You're the best thing that ever happened in my life. I'll be here for you.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Always,
NE

DADDY DEIL,

Thank you so much for your endless love, care and support. I am so grateful to have a Dad like you. Happy Father's Day! I love you so much. God bless...

BIG BOY MARCUS

Papa Randy
Fabregas,
Thanks for all the
love,
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!
Mama Sharon,
Psalm & Ycah

Papa Percy,

Any man can be a father,
but it takes a special
person to be called dad!
Happy Father's Day!
We love you!
Tessie & Kids

Daddy Nor,

Thank you for being the
Best Daddy.
Happy Father's Day!
WE LOVE YOU
Mommy Ruby, Carlo,
Cat^2 & Chris

Daddy Bobby,

Though your ways
may be terrible at times, you
are still a
CARING & **LOVING** Dad!

We love you,
Tintin & **Tracy Zamora**

Daddy Amading,

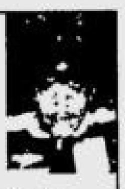
In my 48 years of existence,
no one can ever replace your
generosity and kindness.
Thanks a lot!

Love,
SC Zamora

Dearest
Daddy Rey,

We seldom find fathers who can stand on his own role, one who would do everything for the sake of his family. We're lucky to have found this in YOU...
DAD – Dearly Admirable Daddy all those years.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
God Bless You Always
Love,
Mommy Janette,
Rey John Paul & Anna
Ma. Angelica

Dear
Pader,



Thank you for
everything.
We love you.
HAPPY "PADER'S"
DAY!
Allan, Maan, Awe

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
to my
BESTFRIEND
DADDY PETE!
From:
Pepeton,
Pebbles
& Pepper

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
· Love,
Issabbey &
Rom

Favorite sport is Golf
Always there when you
need him
To have fun and laughter with
Happy Birthday
and Father's Day
Ever loving Daddy
Remember, Nica & Mommy
will always love you

To our **Papa Denny**,

You have always been there to hold our hands when we stumble, and our hearts when we soar. Thank you for being who and what you are. We love you.

Happy Father's Day!

Love,
Mama, Ging
Des and **Niña**

Lolo Ervin, Tito Ken, Uncle Tito, Tito Al and Tito Kim,

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Love, Zachary
& Naomi

Daddy Ben,
I thank God for
the blessing of
having you as
my father.
I love you and I
promise you and
mom to always
be at ur side
forever.
Love,
Angel Mendoza

To: Daddy, Papa and Lolo

WE MISS YOU!

From: Boboy, Ching, Nannie,
Jo, Nonoy, Bobby, Nene,
Jaymee, Cristy, Jaanne, Randy,
Jee, Kat, Jeb, Jam, Eao, Hasa,
Jan, Tictoe and Bea,
and Mommy

Tatay JIM,

Happy Father's Day! and
Happy Birthday!
We love you so much
and God bless you more!

Nanay, Joseph, Jess, Jun, John, Neneng,
Mimay, Lala, in-laws and grandchildren

To all Fathers
of Iskinita Pogi,

Thanks for all the
support, caring and
understanding.
Happy
Father's Day!
From,
Iskinita Pogi
of Cirila

To: Kuya Dave, Kuya Ely, Kuya Marvin, Kuya Erning, Kuya Tony, Rey, Pastor Raymundo, Sammy,

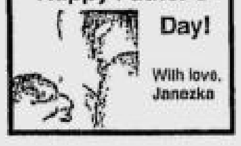
Happy Father's Day to all!

God Bless....

From:
Vangie & Beth

Papa Boy,
Thanks for all the love
u shower on us...
Love,
Virgie, Quel, Fritz,
Rex & AJ

To: Daddy Jay,
You are my Knight
I am your Angel
I thank God, we
have each other!
Happy Father's
Day!



With love,
Janezka

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
PAPA
and
HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY
TO ME!
LOVE,
ZHEVRIEL SANTOS

Dear Papa Sonny,

HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!
God bless you and
give you good
health...
"I Love You."

Samantha Faith Cruz

To Daddy Sonny,

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY,
We Love you.

Mommy Jeng,
Bach, Cheenie & Cheska

To: Our Dearest Tatay Mr.
Antonio Z. Gangcuangco

Happy
Father's Day!

Thanks for
Everything!

From:
All of Us

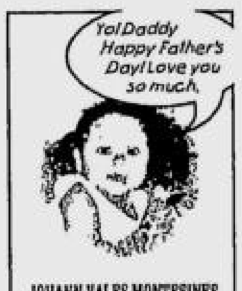
Happy
Father's
Day!
TATAY BOY
ACADEMIA JR.,
we love you!
Nanay Flor,
Aileen & Paolo

Its not so easy to be a Jimmy Mariquit. We're blessed to have you. Thank you SuperDAD.
We love you.
Jimboy and
Janpaul

To: **Ka Hermie, Ka Danny, Ka Danny, Ka Cesar, Ka Boyet, Ferdie, Ka Raffy, Ephraim, Lauren & Shalon**

Happy Father's Day to all!

God Bless... From: **Beth**

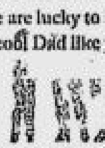


Yo! Daddy Happy Father's Day! Love you so much.

JOHANN VALES MONTESINES

Dear Daddy,

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!!!
We are lucky to have a
cool Dad like you.



Love,
Mommy, PJ & Jenny

TO: KUYA MANNY
ZARAGOSA,
wishing you a
Happy Father's Day!
Thank you for
everything.
Love,
Aileen, Dhel,
Iris & Pat

To Tatay Mading
& Tatay Alfredo,

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

We Love You,
Jhun & Beng

Dear Daddy,
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!
We're lucky to have you.
We love you and we wish
you happiness
the best of health.

From: Mahar, Mara, Kano
and MOMMY

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
PAPA LOUIE!!!
Thank you for taking good care
of us & the unconditional love
you've given us.
WE LOVE YOU.

STEPHEN LOUIS,
SEAN LAWRENCE and
SEBASTIAN LORENZO
PANLILIO

Happy Father's day!

From:
Mommy, Ate,
Myk and
Marya

We Love You!

To Papa Dante,

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

We Love You...

Ohnie, Caye,
Onchie

Daddy, You're the most wonderful dad in the world!!!
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Roxrio-"RR"

A DAD'S DAY Treat

Dearest **Dad**,

We can look back and see that you really
always wanted the best for us,
and we know how hard
you worked to get it.
You always did everything you could
and gave everything you had
And just knowing you were always there,
as dependable as sunrise,
has made all the difference in the world.

Thanks, and Happy Father's Day!

Love,
DonKimArnConDen

Rene,

I amaze at how you do
so well at work,
And yet you still make your family
your number one priority…
ALWAYS.

Cheers to one of the best dads
I've seen in my life!

Happy Father's Day!

Dlanod

Dear Daddy Cesar,

Happy Father's Day!
Thanks for everything!

Love always,

Ging,
Edward & Cecille
Bartolome

Daddy Tony,
Happy
Father's Day
We Love You!

Nick &
Marivic,
Nica, Marco &
Mica

To: Papa Norman

I may not have been affectionate, I may have not told you this before, but on this Father's Day, I want to let you know how important you are to us. *We love you so much!!!*

From: Mama Thet

Dear Tatay Samuel,

Happy Father's Day!
We Love You

Love,
Roland, Jen,
Maynard, Bobby,
Thelma, Yasmin,
Alvin, Tricia, Sam,
Nina, and
your wife Luna

Dear Daddy Al,
Cheers! For being the fun,
compassionate, understanding Dad
that you are! Thanks for all the laughter
& bless you for all the occasional
sneezing that has rocked our home!
We are mighty proud of you, Daddy!

Happy Father's Day!
We love you so Much
Mommy Irene, Mark, Van, Frances, CJ

To our dearest
Papa Ver,
We pay tribute
today. To a man who
is truly soft,
generous, and kind
inside.
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!

We love you.
Mama Letty, Marie
Peachy, Cherry, Butch and Andy

DEAREST
"TANNY" PAPANG,

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!

"THAT OLD BLACK
MAGIC"!

LOVE,
KIRBY, PINKY & REINHART

PAPA JAMES,
Happy
Father's Day
WE LOVE YOU

Love,
Roland, Jen,
Wewel, Donna, Ayris, Nicoy and
your wife Angie

Dear Daddy Adi,
We thank God for giving us a Dad like you,
who is slow to anger but could make us
laugh in a flick of a finger.
You are our inspiration.
We Love You!
Happy Father's Day!

Love,
Mommy, Vince & Ria

Daddy DON-DON,
Salamat s ahal ng
iyong pagmamahal Tn
best ka para sa amin
LOVE,
Mommy Abby & Andrei

Daddy Ambo,

Happy
Father's
Day!
We love you!

Mommy ***Aileen***,
Paolo and ***Pearl***

Our Dearest Tatay Michael,

We praise God for
giving you to us.
You deserve life's
best … We love
you so much.
Happy
Father's Day!
Nanay Reena,
Zachary and
Naomi

DADDY RIC,

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
WE LOVE YOU !!

From: **Mommy Tet**,
Tee Jae , John-John

Happy Father's Day!!!
A greeting goes to:
SP03 Victor Sumbeling
Mr. Rolando Concepcion Sr.
Mr. Joel Panulaya
Mr. Rolando Concepcion Jr.
Mr. Jong Ramirez
Eng'r. Fabian Sumbeling
Eng'r. Gabriel Macion
Mr. Buddy Valerio
And to all my Father friends out there,
this is for you.
Greetings from: **KARL SUMBELING**

Tatay Toots,
Even life is busy
and hectic,
You always find
time for us.
Thanks for being
such a great
Father!
Happy
Father's Day!
Love,
Paring, Mavic, Chi,
Edwin, Gambe
and Uchie

ATTN: SPO3 ABUNDIO H. MACATANGAY
MAHAL NAMING TATAY,

MARAMING SALAMAT SA
PAGIGING ISANG
MABUTING AMA.

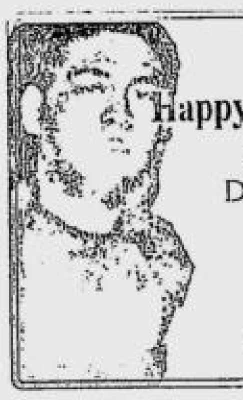
NAGMAMAHAL,
NANAY, NIKKA,
ANGEL & MYKE

Dear Daddy
Rading, Not-not, Eric, Mahr,
Darwin, Sonny, Arnel & Randy.
We always treasured your
sincerity & kindness.
Happy Father's Day!

Love,
Pat, Dhel, Irish, Aileen, Ava

Tatay Pete,
Happy
Father's Day!

Kristine, Marclet, Miko,
Emman, Renzo, RebJay,
Chin-Chin, Sid, Franz
and Paulyn



Daddy Nonoy,
Happy Father's Day
for a wonderful
Dad in the world.
We love you
so much.
Mommy Dhel
Anton & Trina

Tatay Mading,

THANKS DAD…
for always
supporting us.

with love to you on
FATHER'S
DAY

From:
Ruel, Rodel, Ramil
and Nanay Menie

Tatay Estan,
Thanks for being
there for us,
Especially when we
need you most!
Happy
Father's Day!
Love,
Lucy, Ethel
and Lyod

Dear Tatay
Temyong,
Happy
Father's
Day!
We really miss
you and love you
so much
Nonoy, Dhel,
Anton & Trina

Daddy AMBO,
Thank you
for being a
"**TRUE**"
father to me. I
love you!
Thank you for
all the gifts!
Paolo Lorenzo

Para sa mapagmahal
naming Ama,
Maraming salamat sa
inyong walang sawang
pagsuporta.
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!
Daddy Boy,
Papa Leyland,
Daddy Melo &
Tatay Randy
We will always
love you!

Daddy
Romy Reglos,
Thanks for
caring us here
in Inquirer
Branch.
Happy
Father's Day!
Aileen, Dhel
Pat & Ava

Daddy Eddie,
We thank
the Lord
for giving
you to us.
Happy Father's Day!
Joan, Kidick
Hansel & Doy

To: **Emil, Lito, Arnel, Edward**

Happy
Father's Day!
God Bless…

From **Tita Vangie & Tita Beth**

Happy
Father's Day!
Papa Alvin
We love you
Angie,
Nana, Nunin,
Gelo

Papa Kadick,
Happy Father's
Day!
We Love You.
Ava, Bogs,
Ato & Roi

Tatay Edu,
You've always
been there for us,
since day one
Thanks!
Happy
Father's Day!
Love,
Armie, Mac², Jon² and **Micah**

Dearest **Lolo**
Eddie, Papa Nie
& Tito Jei,
Happy
Father's Day!
We love you
all!
Djam, Joey,
Denise & Dianne

Daddy Arnel,
Happy
Father's Day!
We love you!
From: Maiza
and Gelo

We Love You
Papa Vic

Happy
Father's Day!

Liza & Bing

No,
Happy,
Happy
Father's
Day!
Ne

Papa Art,
Happy
Father's Day
to a
SUPERPAPSKI!
Love,
Mama Liway,
Arlene, Atoie
& Arnel

Papa Arnel,
Happy Father's
Day to you!
we love you.
Jane, Jeanelle
& Yma

Ama,
Happy
Father's Day!
Stay healthy and
God bless you
more!

Love,
Jan²,
Pauline,
Irah &
Basti

Dearest **Papa Dario**
Thank you for everything you've given us. We will try our best to do everything you say because we believe that you would not be bad to us. You have worked hard for us to live comfortably. Maybe that's all we can say but the most important is that we love you very much.
Happy Father's Day!!!
Djam Joey Denise & Dianne

Papa Conrad,
Happy
Father's Day!

We love you,so much

Love,
Mama, Cathy, Carol,
Chona, Charlene, Sophia

Daddy, Louis
Alzona
the smallest word I
know is "I"
the sweetest word I
know is "love"
and the person I
never forget is
"you"
Happy Father's Day!
Love,
Mommy & Sofia

To our Dear Father,
AMBRENG
GARCIA BOY
ACADEMIA
Happy
Father's Day!
Ambo & Aileen

To: AMANG
Happy Father's Day!
May God give you
strength.
God Bless!
Love: Beth

Tatay Jim Montesines

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
We love you so much.

Nanay Naty, Joseph, Jess, Jun, Jon,
Neneng, Mimay, Lala, In-laws and
grandchildren

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POTENCIANA R. ANDRES

May 10, 1920 - June 12, 2003

Wife of the late **Conrado M. Andres Ist** †

Joined our Creator June 12, 2003.
Her remains lay in St. Peter's Memorial Chapel in Main Road, Centro Santiago, Isabela and Interment follows on June 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Santiago Memorial Park.

She will be missed by her children **Josefina, Teresita, Mary Ann, Mary Lou, Conrado, Reynaldo, Georgina, Catherine, Michael, Conrad † & Richardo †**

OURS FOR A MOMENT, GOD'S FOREVER!

MOM LIVED HER LIFE FOR LOVE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEITHER
ASKING FOR NOR WANTING A RETURN.
HER DAYS BECAME A SUNLIT HOMILY WITH OTHER'S JOY HER JOY
AND MAIN CONCERN.
WHEN WE WERE ILL, SHE ALSO BECAME SICK.
WHEN WE WERE CUT, SHE TOO BEGAN TO BLEED.
OF OUR OIL LAMP, SHE WAS THE WICK DRAWING HER BRIGHT FLAIR
FROM OUR NEEDS.
SOME SAY SUCH BEHEVIOR'S OUT OF DATE.
THAT SELF FULFILLMENT IS THE WAY TO GRACE.
BUT MOM, WITHOUT MUCH CHOICE, THEN CHOSE HER FATE,
FINDING GREATER TRUTH IN AN EMBRACE.
SHE LIVES ON IN THE SPARKLE IN OUR EYES, LAUGHING, QUIET, GENTLE,
LOVING AND WISE.

ALEJANDRO F. UNSON, JR.

*Peacefully joined his wife **Corazon** in the house of our Lord on June 10, 2003*

His bereaved children:

Cecille & Jim Obrien	**Carmita & Danilo Ilagan**
Christine & Ben Tyson	**Allan & Gemma de Lara**
Armand (†) & Rosalinda Torres	**Alden**
Clarissa & David Elzinga	**Angelo & Luisa Amate**

Sister: **Virginia Unson vda. de Merino**

Grandchildren:
Evan
April, Jonathan & Neil
Rina
Leean
David & Dean
Alexander & Sofia
Darcy & Glynn

other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Capilla del Señor, Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

ATTY. AMOR VARGAS BELENA

Mayor, San Jose City, N.E.
1978-1992

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 13, 2003 at the age of 87.

His loving son **Mayor Alexander Sobrepeña Belena**; daughter-in-law **Marivic Violago Belena**; grandchildren **Jose Anton, Alyssa, Nicole, Erika** and **Alex Miguel**; sisters **Dometila, Tarcila** and **Jimena**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Belena residence, 33 Rizal St., San Jose City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at the Santuario de Sto. Niño after the Necrological Service at 2:15 p.m. at the San Jose City Hall.

SY CHENG YONG

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on June 13, 2003 at the age of 87.

His bereaved wife **Lee Chui Go**; children **Eugene, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Peng Eng, Eileen,** and **Teresita** (USA); son-in-law **Benjamin Lim**; daughter-in-law **Sarah**; grandchildren **Benson, Bennett, Elinore** (USA), **Eloisa Jean, Euson John, Eliza Joy,** other relatives and friends request the readers to join them in praying for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His body lies in state at the B-6, La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on June 17, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at La Funeraria Paz Crematorium after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want."*

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*"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in Me will live
even though he dies, and whoever
believes in Me will never die."*
John 11:25-26

Our Dearly Beloved

IGNACIA MANALO ISON

Born: February 10, 1913
Died: June 11, 2003

Peacefully joined her Creator at the age of 90.

Her beloved husband **Felix Cruz Ison**; children **Engr. Florencio M. Ison M.E.** & family, **Dr. Flaviano M. Ison** & family, **Loly M. Ison R.N.** (California), **Engr. Eduardo M. Ison** and family, **Choly I. Alvarez B.S.Com.** (deceased) & family, **Architect Jose M. Ison** & family, **Fr. Angelo Bedan Ison** (Franciscan); grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Garden of Memories Memorial Chapels.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Garden of Memories Memorial Park, Calzadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila.

CONSUELO "Elong" CARRO MARTIN

of Talon I, Las Piñas City

Died in the Grace of our Lord in Union City, California on June 5, 2003 at the age of 75.

She is survived by her husband **NEMENCIO "MISING"**; children **LILING, JIMMY, ROLLY, BABY, NELDA** and **CONNIE**.

Her body lies in state at the family residence at 403 Real St., Talon I, Las Piñas City.

Interment will be on June 18, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque after the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at their residence.

ANTONIO J. JAVELLANA

Proprietor, TONY'S FASTFOOD of Iloilo City

Triumphantly joined his Creator on June 8, 2003 at the age of 54

His wife **RESENIA**; children **Ryan Joseph, Mary Antonette, Marie Claire** and **Michael Agustin**, his brothers, sisters and their respective families request your prayers to affirm his triumph.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at 28-A. Luna St., La Paz, Iloilo City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the Iloilo Memorial Park, Jaro, Iloilo City after the 8:30AM Mass at St. Clements' Church, La Paz, Iloilo City.

RICARDO PEREZ CORREA

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 8, 2003 at the age of 89.

His remains lie in state at his residence in Poblacion, Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Interment will be on June 17, 2003 (Tuesday) after the 1:00 p.m. Holy Mass.

EFREN M. ALIX

United Laboratories/Pediatrica retiree

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 13, 2003 at the age of 67.

His body lies in state at Arlington, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment to be announced later.

Dr. Felicita Villavicencio-Rafael

wife of former Judge and Justice
Vicente A. Rafael (†)

Joined our dear Lord in heaven last April 24th in Flushing, Queens, New York, U.S.A. She would have been 86 years old last June 7th.

She is survived by her loving children **Virgilio**, LLM; **Virginia**, DMD; **Veronica**, MD; **Virtudes**, BS Med. Tech; **Viveca**, BS Med-Tech; **Victoria**, BSC; **Vicente Jr.**, MD; **Vitaliano**, BS Eng. and her sisters **Remedios Garcia** and **Adalia Dionisio**.

She is buried at Mount St. Mary Cemetery in Flushing, Queens, New York. Please include her in your prayers.

For more details, please write to
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John 3:16

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Message of Thanks

On June 9, 2003, our beloved Daddy

ANTONIO "TONY" B. ANIAG, SR.

went home to be in God's eternal bosom, there to live in peace and perfection.

His going home was a moment of grief for us but loved ones, friends and colleagues offered their time, masses and prayers, sent flowers, message of sympathy, kept vigil, were present during funeral rites and, in various generous ways, gave us comfort at the time of our great loss and sorrow.

To you, we offer our deepest gratitude and our prayer for God's blessing.

SYLVIA GATMAITAN ANIAG
and Family

The bereaved family of the late

ROBERT LIAO HONG BUN

wish to express profound gratitude to those who extended their spontaneous love, sympathy and support at his untimely demise on May 22, 2003.

We draw strength and dwell in the consolation in knowing that he touched so many lives in his wholesome concern for others. He will continue living in our hearts through the lives we lead as testament to his legacy of love.

Beloved wife: **Agnes Liao**
Loving children: **Katherine, Karolyn** and **Valeriano Fernando, Frederick** and **Maritess Liao, Constantine Liao.**

RAMONA SOTTO JAMOSIN

of Talisayan, Zamboanga City
24 November 1918 – 14 June 2003

Her loving children **Luzbella (Jing)** and **Romy Gecolea; Vicente Jr. (Sammy)** and **Baby;** and **Eunice Guidry;** grandchildren **Selina, Melissa** and **Michael,** and **Kevin;** and great-grandson **Jaime** request prayers for her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will follow on Wednesday morning, 18 June 2003 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
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Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

PHILIPPINE 2000

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB NO. ECDP-WB/03-DSWD-004

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project (Loan No. 4301-PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under this Contract.

   GRADE I INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
   1. **Children's Stories of Big Books**
   2. **Flipchart**
   3. **Children's Storybooks**
   4. **Jigsaw Puzzles**

   Bidder may submit offer for an individual item, combination of items or all items.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of the Department of Education Grade I Instructional Materials and Storybooks to School Divisions in Region VI.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as defined in the guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of the BAC Secretariat, Department of Social Welfare and Development, 2nd Floor, DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines with tel. nos. (632) 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125, fax no. (632) 951-7116.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting 16 June 2003, on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00/set.
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.
7. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of total bid amount in the form of a bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, manager's check, cashier's or certified check from a reputable commercial bank valid for 120 days and must be delivered to the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on 16 July 2003 at 9:00 a.m.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on 2 July 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend on 16 July 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.
10. The Department of Social Welfare and Development reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formality in the bids received or to accept such bids which may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI - June 8 & 15, 2003)

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Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

PHILIPPINE 2000

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB NO. ECDP-ADB/03-DSWD-003

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project (Loan No. ADB-ADF 1607-PHI). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under this Contract.

   GRADE I INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
   1. **Children's Stories of Big Books**
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   Bidder may submit offer for an individual item, combination of items or all items.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of the Department of Education Grade I Instructional Materials to School Divisions in Regions VII & XII.
3. International Shopping procedure will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single Stage Two Envelop System and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and purchase the complete bidding documents on submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00)**, to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines with tel. nos. (632) 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125, fax no. (632) 931-6146.
5. All sealed bids (complete with requirements) must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of total bid amount in the form of a bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, manager's check, cashier's or certified check from a reputable commercial bank valid for 120 days and must be delivered to the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on 16 July 2003 at 2:00 p.m. **Late bids shall be rejected.** Thereafter, bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend, venue of which shall be announced in the pre-bid conference.
6. The Department of Social Welfare and Development will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid Conference will be held on 2 July 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the address indicated in paragraph 5.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend on 16 July 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
9. The Department of Social Welfare and Development reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formality in the bids received or to accept such bids which may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI - June 8 & 15, 2003)

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02 June 2003

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

IFB No. 2003-7-4-(15)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids from interested bidders to provide ***Security Services*** to the DOH Central Office for the year 2003.

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of License to Operate/Business Permit and upon payment of a ***non-refundable fee of Two Thousand (PhP2,000.00) Pesos*** from the Procurement and Logistics Service, Bldg. #26, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, telefax no. (632) 711-6831, Tel. No. 743-8301 loc. 3626 & 3627, from **June 9 to 27, 2003**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

A pre-bidding conference will be held on **June 20, 2003** at 1:00 p.m., **HHRDB Conference Room**, 3/F, Bldg. #12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Bids must be submitted to the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) at the **HHRDB Conference Room**, 3/F, Bldg. #12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, not later than 1:00 p.m. on **July 4, 2003**. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, manager's check and bank draft/guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank.

The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

The Approved Budget Cost will be announced during the pre-bid conference.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – June 8 & 15, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Negros Oriental
Office of the Provincial Governor
Capitol, Dumaguete City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Negros Oriental invites all interested suppliers of ***Drugs, Medicines, HLMD Supplies and Devices*** to pre-qualify and submit sealed bids for its Bulk Procurement Program:

Bidding Schedule:

Drugs and Medicines - July 9, 2003 at 10:00 AM
HLMD Supplies & Devices - July 11, 2003 at 10:00 AM

All bidders must submit their complete pre-qualification requirements with the Committee on Awards not later than **July 2, 2003**. The list of pre-qualification requirements may be obtained from the Committee on Awards Secretariat (Provincial General Services Office).

Sealed bids will be accepted not later than 10:00 o'clock in the morning of the scheduled date of bidding at the NOPH Social Hall, Provincial Hospital Compound, Dumaguete City, at which time and place said bid proposals will be opened.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **July 7, 2003** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the same venue.

The Committee on Awards reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose bid proposal as evaluated by the Committee is the most advantageous to the government, not to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **GEORGE P. ARNAIZ**
Governor of Negros Oriental

(PDI--June 15, 2003)

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JHMC
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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), a subsidiary and implementing arm of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), is inviting interested security agencies to pre-qualify and bid for our security service requirements at the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ), Camp John Hay, Baguio City.

Security agencies must submit a Letter of Intent and the following pre-qualification documents for verification and shortlisting purposes not later than 5:00 p.m., **June 20, 2003** at the above address:

1. Company Profile
2. Certificate of Registration from DTI and SEC
3. Valid License to Operate as a Security Agency
4. Clearances from BIR, NBI, SSS, RTC, DOLE, and HMDF (Pag-ibig)
5. Three year audited Financial Statements
6. Income Tax Return for the last three years
7. Guard Force
8. List and number of firearms and equipment
9. List of clients being served to include their addresses and telephone numbers
10. Client feedback (at least three)

Bid forms shall be issued to shortlisted security agencies from **June 26 to 30, 2003** upon payment of P5,000.00 perset at the above address. Shortlisted security agencies shall be informed in writing.

Deadline for submission of completed bid forms and the bid is on **July 7, 2003**, 1:00 p.m.

JHMC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informalities thereon and consider such bid as may be advantageous to the Corporation.

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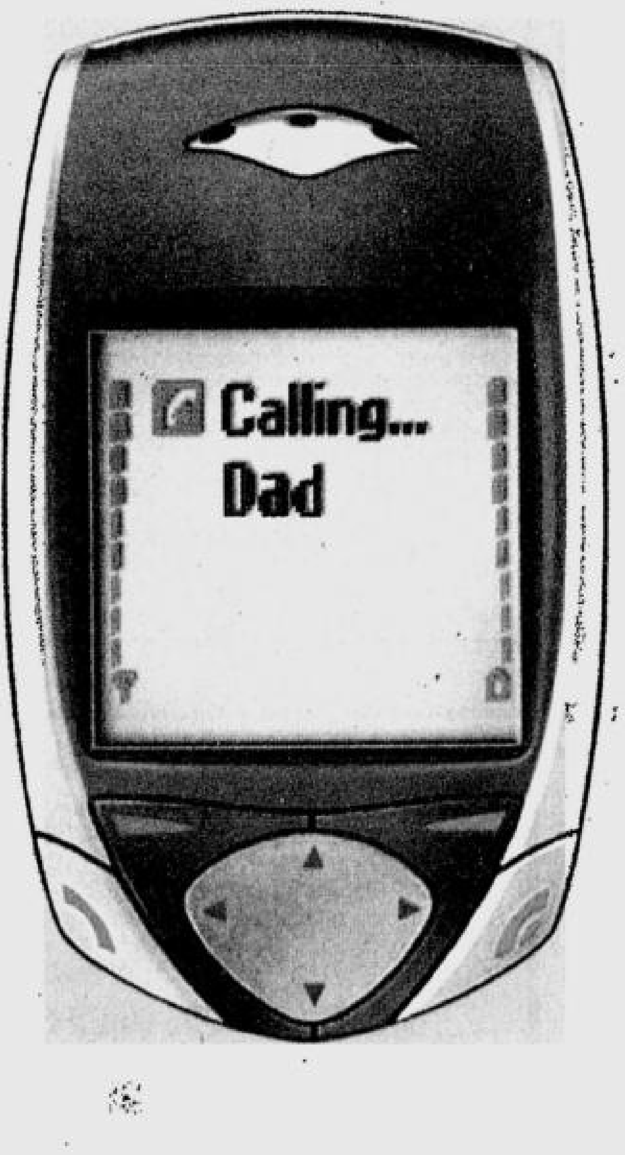
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John, Willie 'sacrificial lambs' in network war

By Marinel R. Cruz

JOHN Estrada and Willie Revillame, who have been suspended as hosts of ABS-CBN's "Masayang Tanghali, Bayan" for making risqué jokes on the show, are merely "fall guys" and "sacrificial lambs" in the fight with rival network GMA 7.

A source close to one of the hosts also accused GMA 7 of "twisting the arm" of the Movie Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) to compel ABS-CBN to suspend Estrada and Revillame.

"Their offenses were only minor ones but since ABS-CBN wanted to create a good image before the MTRCB, the network had no choice but to use them as sacrificial lambs," the source claimed.

GMA 7 officer-in-charge for public relations Butch Raquel told INQUIRER Entertainment, "we had nothing to do with (the suspension). "The allegation is totally baseless. How can anyone twist the arm of the MTRCB?"

ABS-CBN management suspended Estrada and Revillame from "MTB" from June 16 to June 21 for "conduct unbecoming and use of inappropriate language."

An ABS-CBN statement said the suspension was meant to "give (Revillame and Estrada) the time and opportunity to re-orient themselves" with network guidelines.

MTRCB Chair Consoliza Laguardia said the recommendation to suspend the two hosts was prompted by complaints the censors received in the past few weeks and was not the effect of any prompting by GMA 7.

Laguardia said she received complaints from Bulacan Rep. Wilfredo Villarama, from a group called Philippine Alliance Against Pornography, and from "concerned televiewers."

"The suspension was a voluntary move on the part of ABS-CBN as part of their self-regulation," Laguardia said on Friday.

The war between ABS-CBN and GMA 7 recently reached a new peak with the "chinovela" craze that introduced to local audiences Taiwanese drama series dubbed in Filipino. ABS-CBN's chinovela "Meteor Garden" and its counterpart on GMA 7, "My MVP Valentine," are fighting it out for the ratings.

Laguardia said ABS-CBN executives met with MTRCB 's adjudication panel Wednesday night to seek permission for the network to "self-regulate" their hosts themselves.

Laguardia said both Revillame and Estrada use the terms "BJ," which is widely understood to mean "blow job," and "Jack Call," the local euphemism for masturbation.

Laguardia said there was even an episode when the two hosts teased Mahal, one of their co-hosts, about her cleavage.

"Some of the program episodes were reviewed during our meeting with ABS-CBN," Laguardia said. "All of us agreed that there were grounds for the suspension of Willie and John."

ABS-CBN promised to submit taped-on-air (TOA) copies of "MTB" to the MTRCB on a daily basis for one month beginning June 16.

Ring drops in Donita-Eric wedding; everything else goes smoothly

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PREGNANT POSE. Ruffa Gutierrez is matron of honor.

SHOW STOPPER

BRIDE Donita dropped the ring during the ceremony, but her gallant groom Eric caught it and said aloud, "I got it!" The guests laughed.

Aside from that mishap, everything went smoothly in the wedding of movie star and former MTV Asia VJ Donita Rose and website designer Eric Villarama last June 9 at the Bacara Island Resort in Sta. Barbara, California.

Beautiful seagulls flew in the background as the pastor was blessing the new couple.

It took three people to close Donita's corset-like Inno Sotto gown. They almost forgot the petticoat!

Gary V had arranged the music for the wedding of Anthony and Maricel Laxa. Donita had fallen in love with the music and asked that she be allowed to use it. So Gary became the music director. He bought instrumental CDs from a Christian bookstore to create a score for the entire program.

Gary sang "Lead Me Lord" during the communion.

During the program, Gary sang "Butterfly Kisses" and Donita's request, "Take Me Out of the Dark."

Honeymoon

Lito Villareal, a protegé of David Foster and the Urban Gospel Singer for the US for 2002, sang some praise and worship tunes as requested by Donita. Lito used to be a back-up singer for Gary V. His father passed away two weeks ago in Manila but Lito could not fly back home.

Donita and Eric joined the Morning Star Convention after the wedding. They're spending their honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii.

Ninong Tani Silva, Donita's accountant in the USA, earlier lent Donita and Eric a Range Rover for two weeks and shouldered the rehearsal dinner for 60 people at the Outback. He also lent them a BMW Z8 to bring them to Outback from Bacara.

GMA 7 has the rights to the Donita-Eric wedding coverage.

GMA 7 produced a very special video as a special gift for Donita and Eric. The video was viewed in a special screening room at the Bacara Resort.

Eric also produced a short video to open the GMA 7 video. Eric is the senior art director of Formul8, an ad agency in Singapore. He did the website design of Nokia and the foundation of the prime minister of Singapore, who was so impressed that he personally called Eric to thank him.

Martin Nievera, too, was supposed to sing at the wedding but had to cancel because of his Las Vegas commitments. On the way back home to Manila after the wedding, Gary found out that Martin was on the same flight, PR 102.

Hollywood writer

The principal sponsors who were present were *Kuya* German Moreno, "Eat Bulaga" producer Tony Tuviera, Gary V, former GMA 7 president Menardo Jimenez Sr., Annabelle Rama, Gina Martinez, Wilma Galvante of GMA 7, Nanette Inventor, Elsie Chua, Felicitas Ong and this writer.

One of the veil sponsors was Donita's good friend, Hollywood scriptwriter Ana Ramos, whose first script has been directed by Doug Liman ("Bourne Identity") and would premiere in September at the Toronto Film Festival.

A very pregnant Ruffa Gutierrez was matron of honor.

Also there were Giselle Tongi, Joey Mead and special friend Richard Lee, Eddie Gutierrez, Donita's brother Paul Cavett, Gary V's son Gabriel, Jet and Edith Montelibano, John Nite, photographer Raymund Isaac who was sent by Summit Publishing, Donita's best friend Mo Twister and Jeanette McBride.

Jaza, MVP send word

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala said in an e-mail that Vicky Garchitorena would represent him. She did.

Manny V. Pangilinan texted this writer two months before the wedding to say he couldn't go to the wedding but would gladly be a *ninong*.

KC Concepcion, who was supposed to be a bridesmaid, texted me to say she had to prepare for her trip to the USA where she is going to college.

Ninong Ricco Ocampo of i2i had to prepare for a business trip to Hong Kong with his wife, *Ninang* Tinna Ocampo. He earlier hosted a small dinner for Donita at Kai, the new Japanese restaurant in Greenbelt.

Other commitments

Ninang Tess Cruz of Viva could not leave Manila as it was her mother's birthday.

Ninong Leo Martinez, who was responsible for Donita's joining the Genesis talent management company, could not leave all his tapings and commitments in Manila. His daughter Lesley was present as a junior bridesmaid with her cousin, 10-year-old daughter Kiana Valenciano.

"Miracle woman" Rio Diaz-Cojuango could not come because it was the birthday of her father-in-law Danding.

Mother Lily Monteverde was all set to go with production designer Tatus Aldana but she was hospitalized at the Asian Hospital due to a recurring back injury.

Anthony and Maricel Pangilinan were originally supposed to go but they had to fly to Indonesia and Singapore.

Jules and Assunta

Rep. Jules Ledesma and wife Assunta de Rossi were all set to go and had a reservation for a $950 suite at the Bacara but business prevented them from going. Or could it be because Assunta is from ABS-CBN? But ABS-CBN gamely sent Roxy Liquigan and Eric John Salut to interview Donita and Eric in Fresno, where the Villarama family is from.

Donita was instrumental in bringing Jules to the Victory Christian Fellowship, her church in Manila.

Ruffa's husband Yilmaz Bektas was all set to go and had a suite reservation at the Radisson, since Bacara was fully booked, but he had to fly to London for an urgent business concern.

Everyone was telling Donita's brother Paul Cavett, who was very handsome that night, to come back to Manila.

Handsome Alex Aquino, one of the ushers, is a budding actor in Los Angeles.

Catering manager Jackie Campeau of Bacara bent so many rules to accommodate GMA 7 and Donita's requests. Wedding planner Deborah Simon was overwhelmed because they were not used to Pinoy weddings.

Krist Bansuelo did Donita's makeup.

CHINESE SPOOF. Comedienne Nanette Inventor entertains guests during the reception.

BEST FRIENDS. The couple with Donita's brother Paul Cavett and Donita's best friend Mo Twister (left)

THE COUPLE with the bride's parents and other relatives

Faith and fakery

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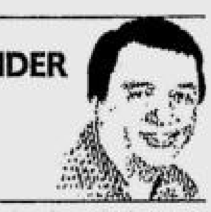

Nestor U. Torre

IN **Joel Lamangan's** "Huling Birhen sa Lupa," **Maui Taylor** is cast as a girl who sees visions of the blessed Virgin Mary on a promontory near the remote seaside village where she lives. Ironically, the young visionary's older sister (**Ara Mina**) is forced to become a prostitute to earn money for the medicines needed by their mother (**Tanya Gomez**), who has a severe venereal disease.

The village's sleepy life is disturbed by the arrival of a handsome young priest (**Jay Manalo**), who initially faces opposition from some unbelievers who have come to hate all things spiritual after an epidemic killed many of their loved ones some years ago.

But Maui's visions soon turn the unbelievers into devotees, particularly when a miracle birth is associated with them. Little do the retroactive devotees know that the "miracle" was stage-managed by the young priest himself, who turns out to be a fake.

Soon, the visionary is celebrated for her healing prowess, especially after the village's top power broker (**Elizabeth Oropesa**) turns the religious phenomena into a thriving business. Sick people from adjoining towns, media people from the big city, and avidly curious tourists all converge upon the sleepy village and transform it into a major center for spiritual healing.

Maui's family tries to rescue her, but the visionary is now firmly in Elizabeth's materialistic clutches. During an escape attempt, both Maui and Ara are raped by Elizabeth's minions—but, wonder of wonders, Maui's virginity remains intact.

The situation becomes even more "miraculous" when Maui gets pregnant and gives birth, while still remaining a virgin. Shades of the Immaculate Conception!

Unfortunately, the whole story sort of dribbles off in the end, with Ara and Jay leaving the village, which remains firmly in Elizabeth's control. They vow to return at a more opportune time, a low-energy conclusion that fails to tie up the movie's loose ends.

"Huling Birhen" is enlivened by striking visuals and good technical elements, but falters in terms of content and storytelling. At first, its treatment of its spiritual theme is focused and serious-minded, but it is eventually compromised by its other, more commercial concerns—melodrama and sex.

These further compromise the actors' performances, which veer away from thematic and emotional logic, and thus end up less believable and insightful than they should be.

'Punch-Drunk Love'

AFTER directing "Boogie Nights" and "Magnolia," **Paul Thomas Anderson** takes viewers on a quirky journey of romance and discovery, "Punch-Drunk Love." The film is a surprise critical hit for its star, comedian **Adam Sandler**, who has impressed some critics with his insightful performance in this movie.

In this offbeat romantic comedy, Sandler plays a lonely bachelor who hits an all-time low in his life. It is at this vulnerable point that a mysterious woman (**Emily Watson**) enters his life, and he discovers a new world that lends meaning to his life.

Other major players include Anderson regular **Philip Seymour Hoffman, Luis Guzman** and **Mary Lynn Rajskub**.

'Die Another Day'

THE 20TH James Bond film, "Die Another Day," is now on video and DVD. It stars **Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Rosamund Pike, Toby Stephens** and **Rick Yune**.

In the film, Bond is captured in North Korea while on assignment. After he's tortured, he's eventually liberated and embarks on a new mission to track a terrorist named Zao to Cuba, where he also meets Jinx (Berry), a fellow spy. They both get involved in preventing a powerful villain from launching a top-secret weapons project that will enable him to achieve world domination.

Michael Bublé

JUST in time for Father's Day, **Michael Buble**'s self-titled album showcases the finest songs from the classic era of pop music. The 25-year-old vocalist from Vancouver is the emerging toast of the music world, with his flair for infusing well-loved songs with a fresh sensibility all his own.

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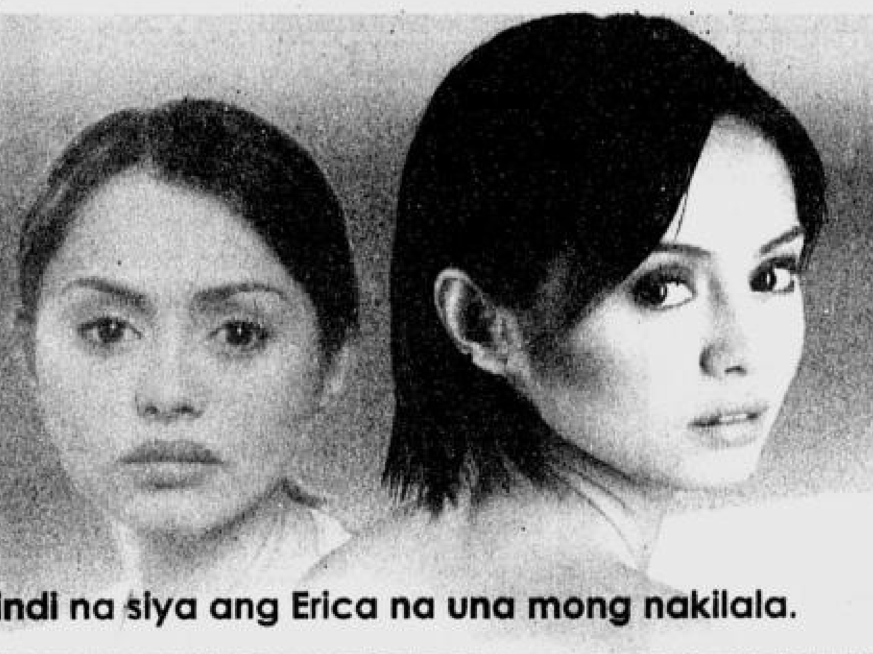

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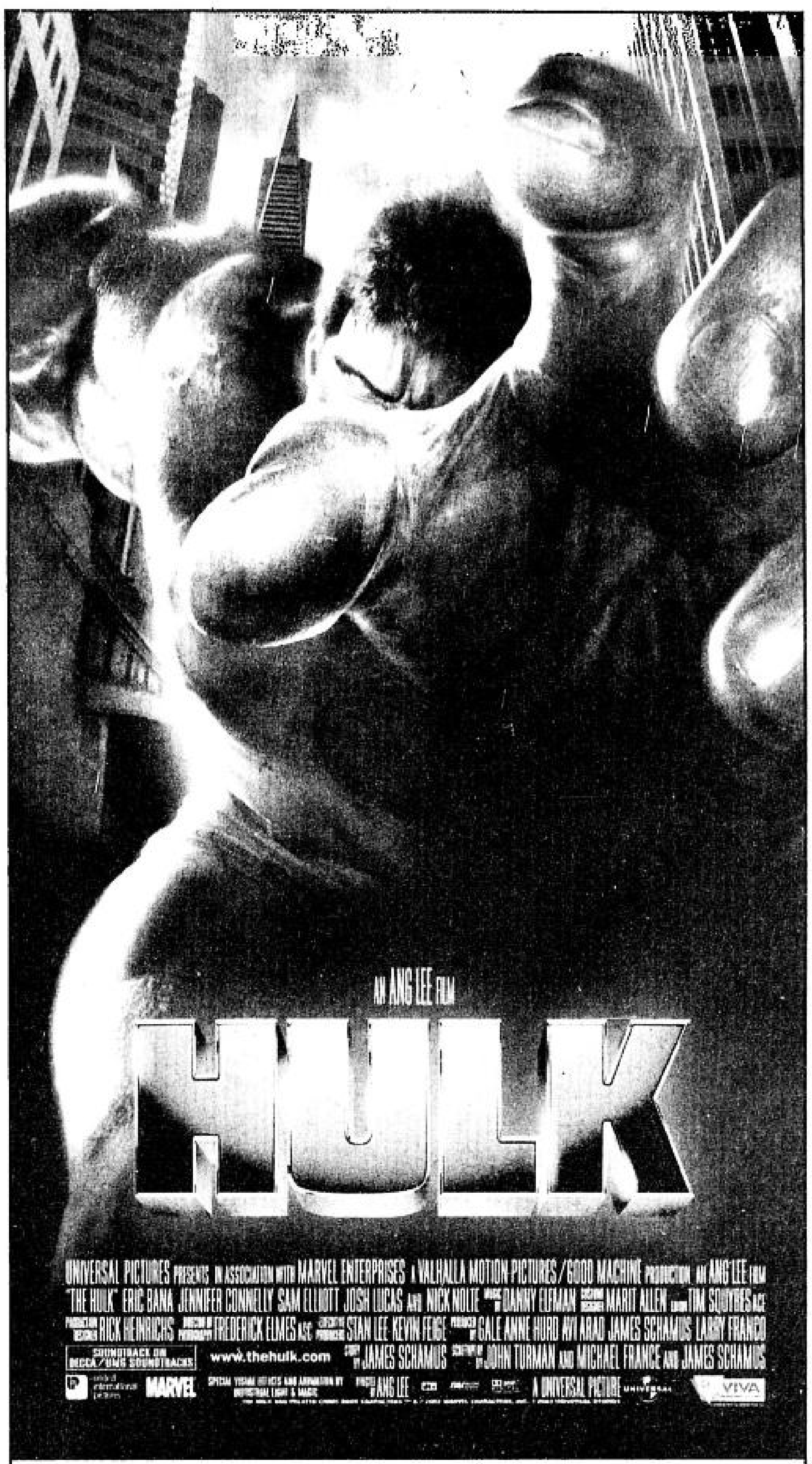

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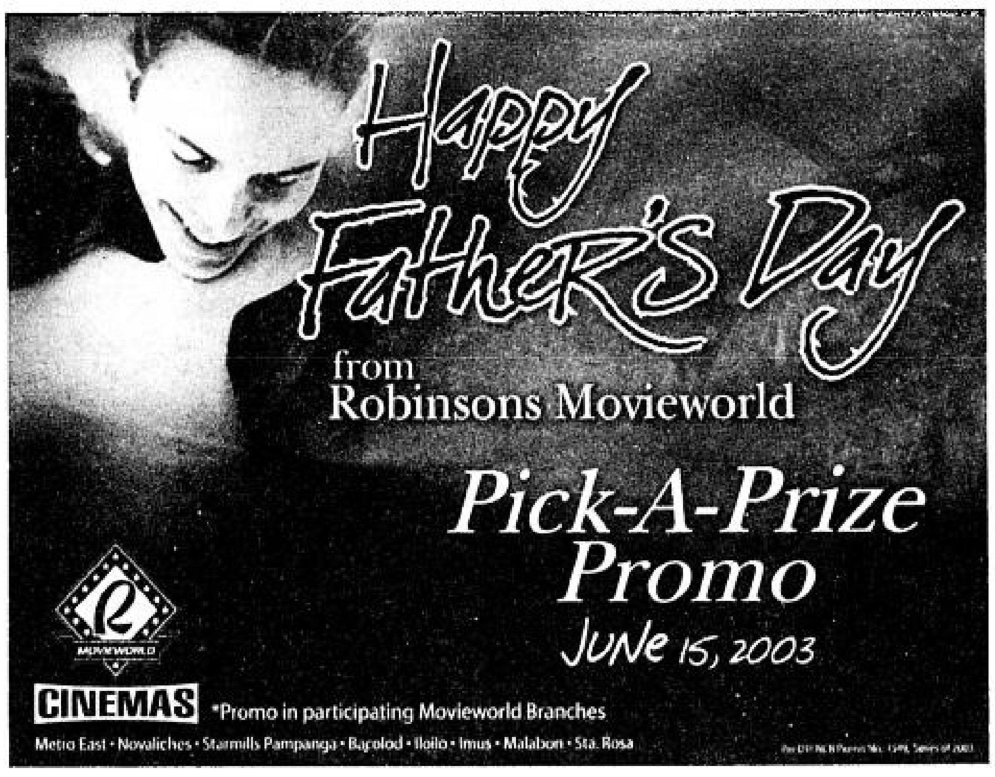

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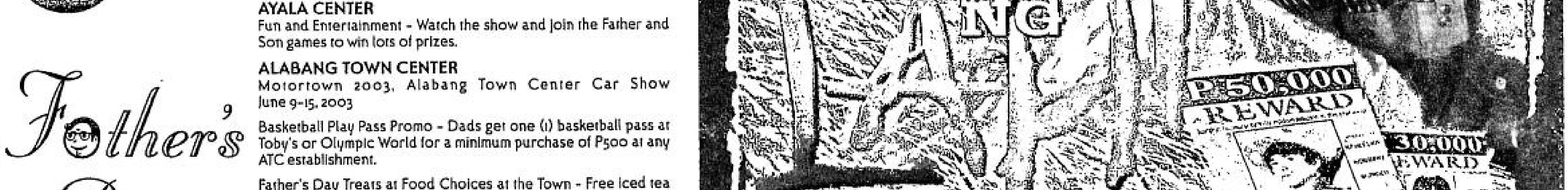

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Gomez will sing compositions by Michel Legrand like "Windmills of Your Mind" and "Summer Me, Winter Me."

She will also sing songs by English songwriter Andrew Lloyd Webber, as well as duets with Ferrer of songs by Leonard Bernstein and David Foster.

Ferrer will perform songs by Antonio Carlos Jobim ("A Summer Samba," and "Garota Ipanema"), Sergio Mendez ("So Many Stars") and Basia ("Astrud").

"We have a lot of very good pop singers," says Gomez. "I'm not saying we are better than most of them. We just have a different approach to voice production."

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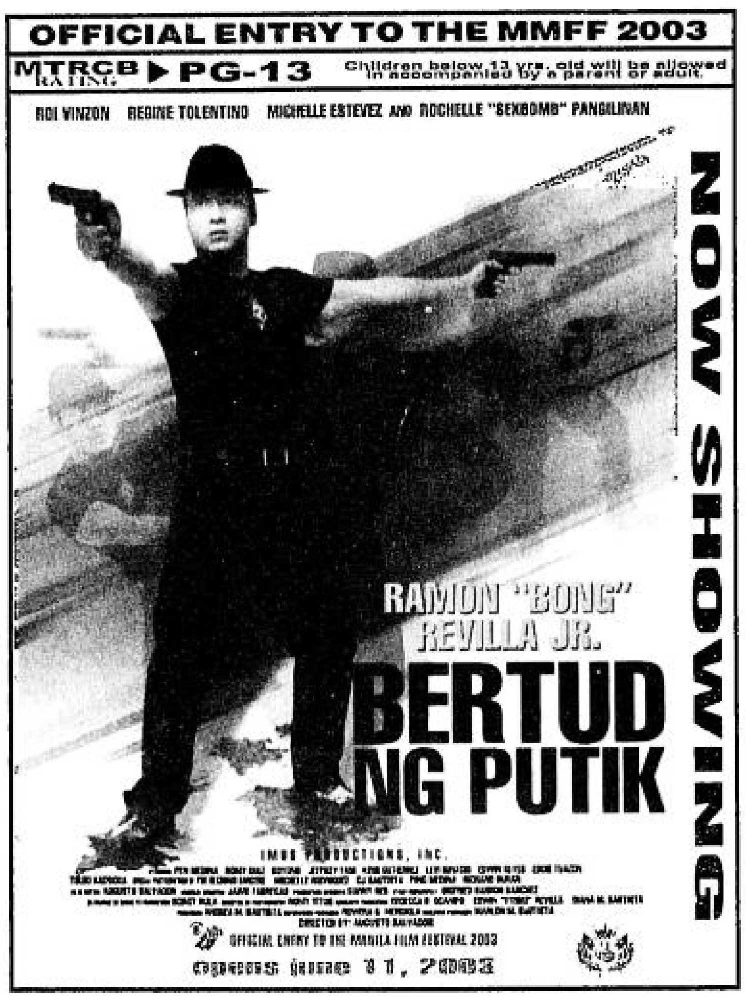
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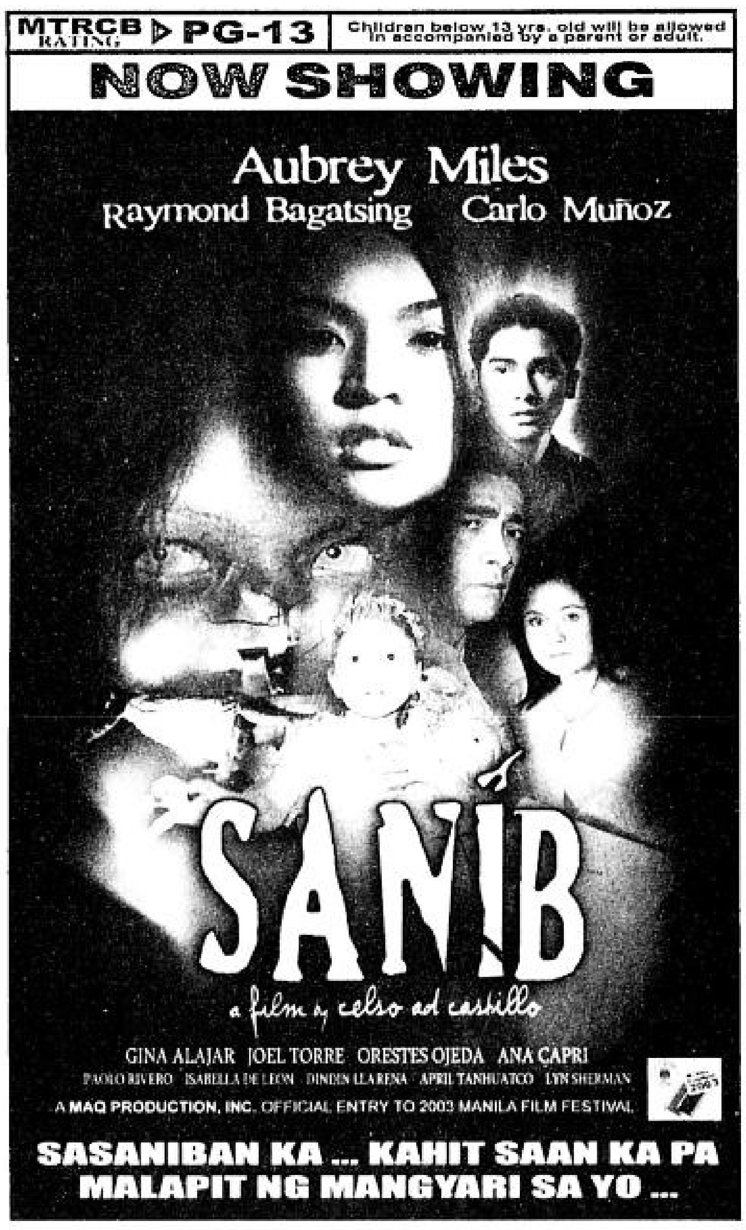
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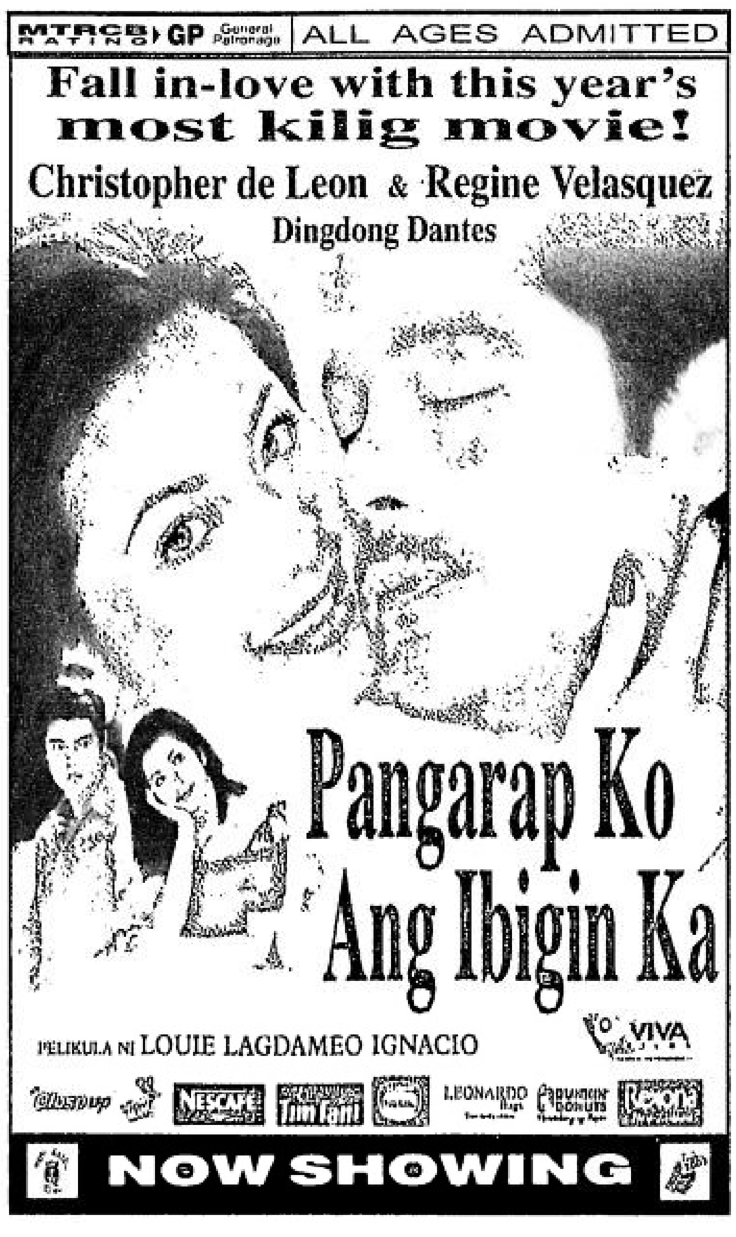
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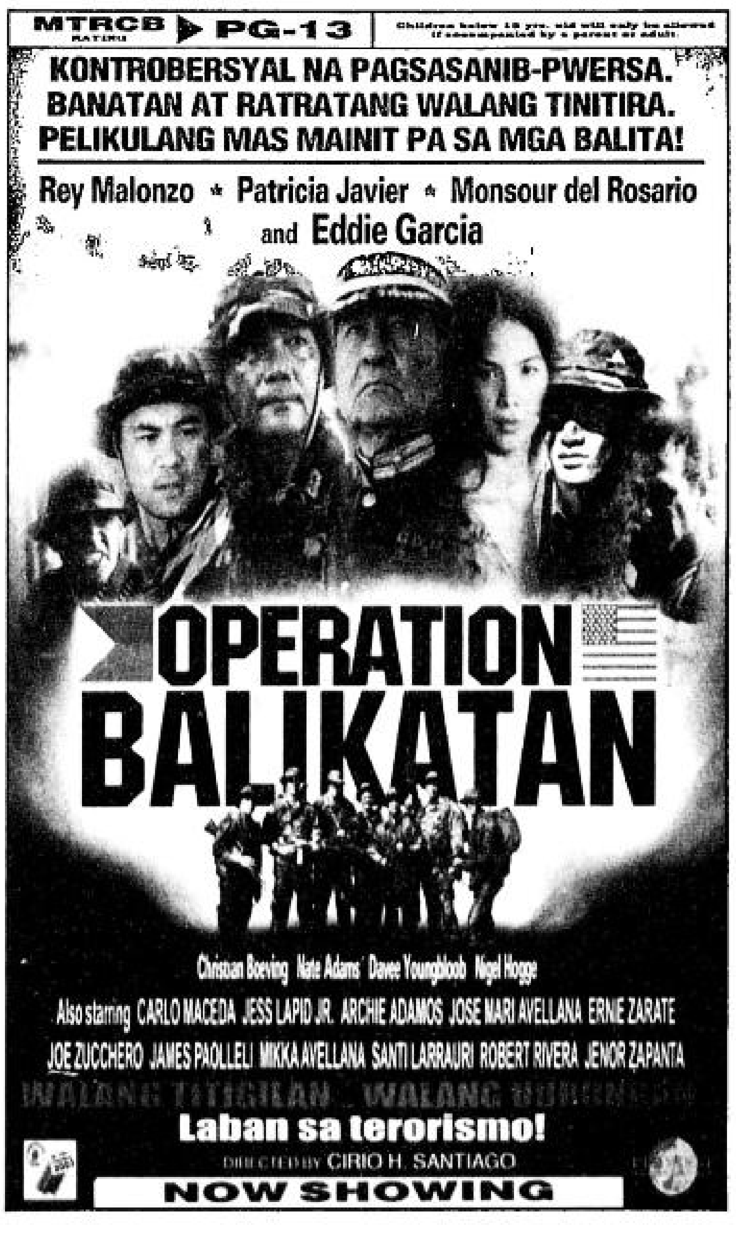
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Jay Manalo: Bringing up father

By Nini Valera

LIKE the characters he plays on screen, award-winning actor Jay Manalo is flawed. But Jay, 30, is the first to admit he's not a saint.

"I'm now paying for (what I had done before)," Jay says in Filipino. "But I have no regrets."

Jay is talking about having eight children, by five women. Without missing a beat, he rattles off his children's names and their ages: Jay Jr., 10; Sharmaine Joy, 10; Jaeandra Marie, 8; Jericho Martha, 7; Jayerianne Toni, 6; Ashely Nicole Zaine, 6; Jayenne Therese, 5; and Adrianne Riona Jaenylla, 1.

"I grew up alone, and I wasn't thinking of anything else (when I made my babies). I wanted to do what I did," he says, as if trying to rationalize fatherhood and his numerous failed relationships, including living with sex star Joyce Jimenez for two years.

But Jay married the mother of Adrianne last January. Instead of a wedding band, he wears a middle-finger tattoo of his wife's name, Raizza, crudely printed in block letters, like a badge of loyalty.

"She does not mind that I had other children with other women," Jay says. "I have always been honest with her. I told her the truth from the start.

"Some of my children were accidents," he says. "Some were planned. But my relationship with their mothers turned sour, so we decided that it was better to separate than to let our child see that our relationship was no longer working."

'Bumming around'

But one relationship that Jay cannot opt out of is the one with his dad, whom he describes as someone who is "bumming around." His father Eustaquio Jr. was a musician, the singer of a band that toured Vietnam. In Saigon, now Ho Chi Min City, Eustaquio met and fell in love with French-Vietnamese singer Nguyen Tilan. Jay, their son, was born in Saigon. But the couple brought him to Manila to be raised by the older Eustaquio's mother, Gaudencia Gamboa de Lara, in Tondo.

By the time Jay had turned five, his parents had broken up. Nguyen later married a US Navy serviceman and settled down in Michigan.

Eustaquio Jr. has yet to settle down, according to Jay.

"We lost touch for nine years," he says. "There was no communication between us. He was all over Asia performing with a band."

When Eustaquio returned to the Philippines, he brought with him a son with a Korean woman and a year-old child by a Filipino woman.

"It's like my dad never grew up," says the son, who grew up longing for a father. But he has not given up on his dad.

"Our relationship is not good, and not bad. He's asked me for money several times, but I don't give him all the time. I don't want him to get used to it. I told him being in show biz did not mean I am rich. I have not reached the point that I am earning millions already. I still have to work hard."

Jay once gave his father capital for a business, but Eustaquio mismanaged the venture.

"He couldn't handle it. He's old enough to know how to shape his life. If I gave him (money) again, it might just go to waste."

"It's already a big help to him that I sent my half-brother to school, my father's son with the Korean. Sending him to school was not a waste of money. He's a bright kid.

"I'm not saying I'm more mature than he. I just know how to deal with life."

Jay began to learn confronting the harshness of life when he was 12. While living with his grandmother, he had to wash his own clothes and take on odd jobs. He also ran away from home and lived in the streets.

"We were not so fortunate to have a lot of money, but I never stole anything," he says. "I was scared of getting caught, and I feared God. I learned my values from my *lola*. She went to Mass every Friday."

She also went to play mahjong daily in the neighborhood gambling parlor.

"She tried to live off gambling, and she died because of gambling," Jay says.

While walking home one night in 1996 after a day of playing mahjong, she was killed in a hit and run accident. Jay was then in the US for a holiday with his then girlfriend when he heard about his grandmother's accident.

Unpredictable

"I immediately booked a flight home," he says. "It was difficult because it was peak season. I was supposed to go see my mother, but I never even got to call her. My *lola*'s accident upset me."

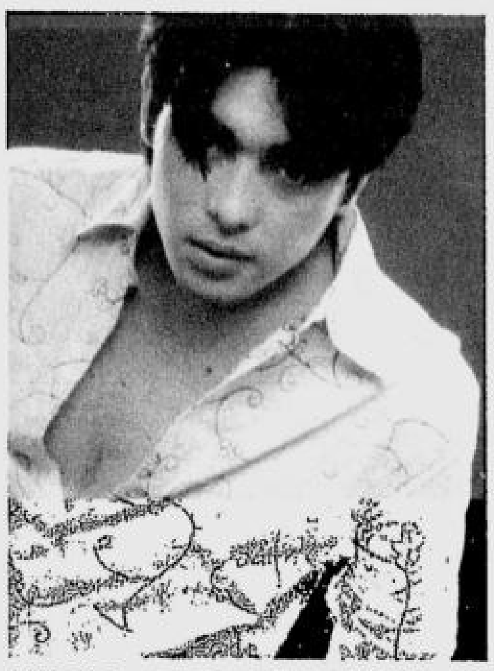
His grandmother died before he could return home.

"Sometimes, you just can't understand life," he says. "If you can't understand it, just talk to the One up there. He will give you the understanding."

In his Manila filmfest movie, Joel Lamangan's "Huling Birhen Sa Lupa," Jay plays a priest who turns out to be not a priest but a con man. It's a role that could give Jay another acting award, according to the critics.

But Jay is not banking on more recognition for the most recent flawed character he played on screen.

"Life is very unpredictable," he says. "I never count on it."



MANALO grew up longing for his dad.

What's good, what's not about having celebrity dads

By Brian Christopher B. Maniquis
Contributor

A FATHER is different things to different children. To some, he is merely one who provides money and material things to his children. To others he is a source of stories and advice.

My father deserves much more credit than he receives at home. Without much complaint, he pays for many things his family needs, such as clothes, food, shelter, utilities, school, etc. Despite being tired from work, he goes out with the family and, again, spends for us at the behest of my mother.

I've received better advice from my dad than from my mom, though it is not apparent to most observers. He is a kind, generous man who keeps little, if any, secrets from his spouse and his kids. The man who seems to be a sleepy, tired person on the outside is a strong-willed, tolerant and hardworking individual on the inside.

In his own way, my dad, Ira Daniel B. Maniquis, is a celebrity. You may have seen him jumping up and down when his team, Barangay Ginebra, scores the winning shot.

He is not one of those parents who try to mold their children the way they want them. He understands that children may be like their parents, but they are not their parents.

Let's take a look at some other fathers, more famous than mine, as seen by Paolo and Kiana, children of Gary Valenciano; Lorenz and Lesley, children of Leo Martinez; and Ella, daughter of Anthony and Maricel Pangilinan.

How does your father spend quality time with you?

Paolo: We watch movies at home or sometimes we watch in theaters. Film is what binds us.

Kiana: He gives me devotional when mama is not around, with a book called "Fathers and Daughters." He makes me laugh all the time. We watch movies together. He tells me stories about when he was young.

Lorenz: When I was young, we usually played cards or ate out on special occasions.

Lesley: Papa spends quality time with us by bringing us to malls, to the grocery even just to buy our favorite ice cream, and we go to the beach, to Balayan or to Tagaytay Highlands whenever he's free.

Ella: He plays with me a lot. He puts me to sleep and reads stories at night. Or he tells me stories when he was a little boy ... and I make him transfer to my bed in the middle of the night.

What makes your father different from other fathers?

Paolo: He's only 20 years older than I, making it easier for us to relate to each other. He is not old-fashioned. When we talk, I feel like I'm talking to my *kuya*.

Kiana: He is a singer and he doesn't go to the office. His work office is at home in his music room.

Lorenz: Well, first he's a talented and popular actor. He's different in that even though he's a comedian, he's very serious in his private life.

Lesley: He can be really funny and he always wants to have time for us since he's really busy with work, and tries to make up for it everytime. Oh yes, one thing we like in common is eating. He makes really good strawberry shake because he looooves strawberries! As in loves strawberries!

Ella: When he saw my mommy, he wanted to marry her right away. He plays with me a lot.

What are the advantages/disadvantages of being children of a show biz father?

Paolo: Disadvantage? We don't really get to see each other that much because he's always busy.

Advantage? All the attention a man will ever need. But this can also be a disadvantage sometimes because I get pressured to sound and act like my dad.

Kiana: He travels a lot and takes us with him on his trips. (Kiana went to Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland, Germany and, in the last trip alone, 10 US cities. She has also gone to Hong Kong, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane in Australia, Hamburg in Germany, London, Paris and many more US states.) We also get to meet a lot of people.

But he also goes home late when he has shows. And sometimes when his shows are out-of-town and we have school, we don't see him for some days.

Lorenz: People will oftentimes be familiar with me right away because they feel that they already know my dad. Disadvantages? There is none.

Lesley: The disadvantages are when we go to malls, sometimes my dad gets mobbed and we feel he is being bothered. But that does not stop him from going to the malls and parks, especially when he is with us. Another disadvantage is when he comes home late when he has tapings, and because we have school the next day, we're already asleep. Then, in the morning, we see him just to kiss and say good-bye before we leave for school. That's why during summer, he really makes up by making more time for us.

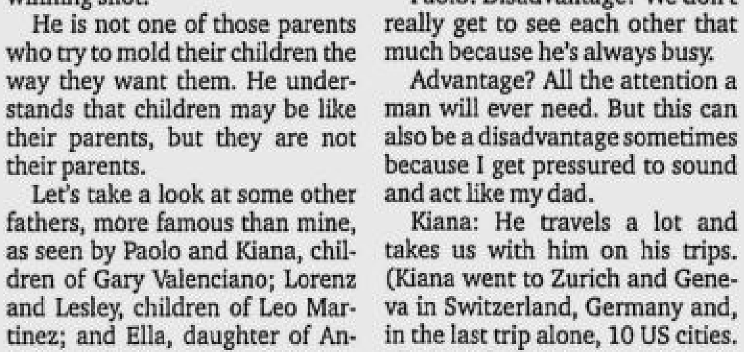
The advantages are when he has tapings on location, he brings us with him and we really like seeing new places and the *artistas*. Another good side is people respect my dad, and makes us proud of him. My dad has worked so hard for so many years to achieve where he is now. Since I enjoy acting, too, my dad gives me a lot of tips on acting. And whenever I have plays, he supports me all the way.

My mom and I will be arriving from a brief vacation from the US a day before Father's Day. I hope he enjoys the gifts we bought for him.

Ella: I get to be on TV sometimes and I can be famous someday. No, there's nothing bad about having famous parents.

(The author is 15 and is a high school junior at the Ateneo University.)

ELLA and dad Anthony Pangilinan



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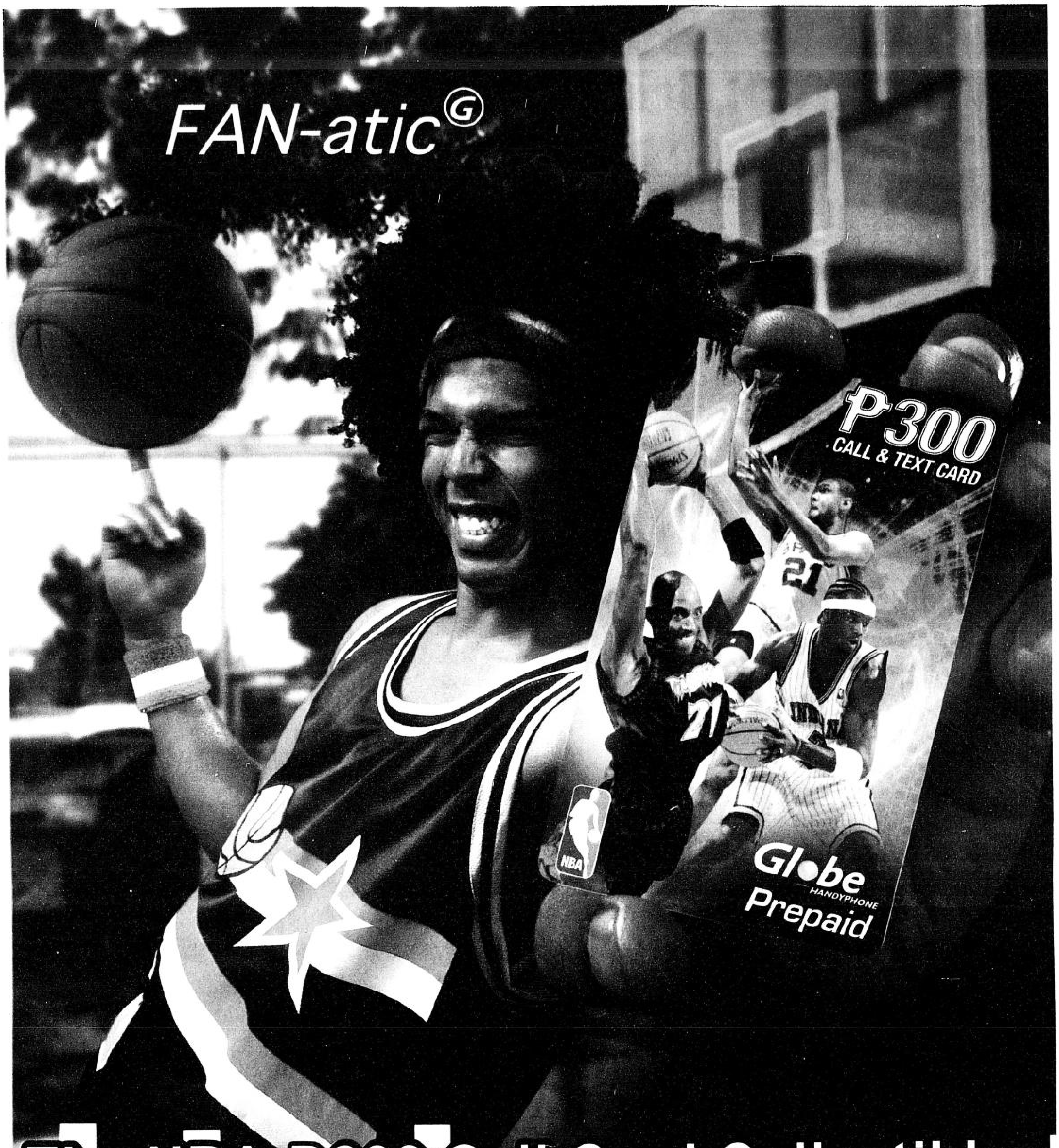
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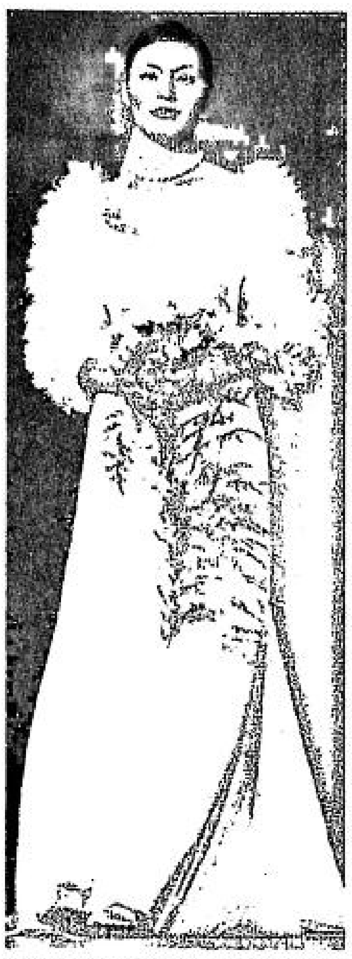
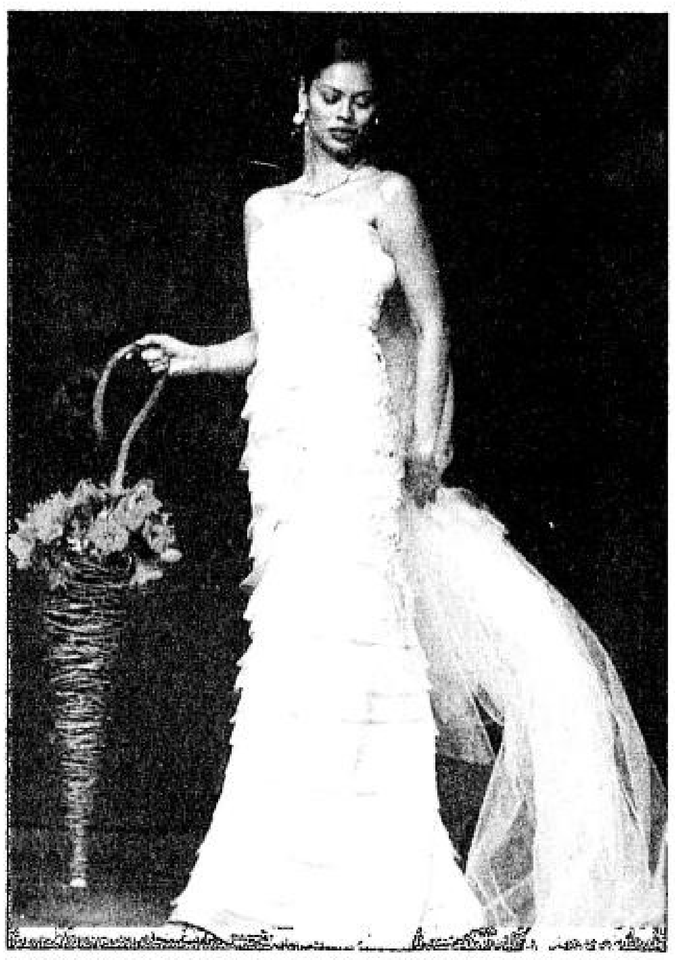
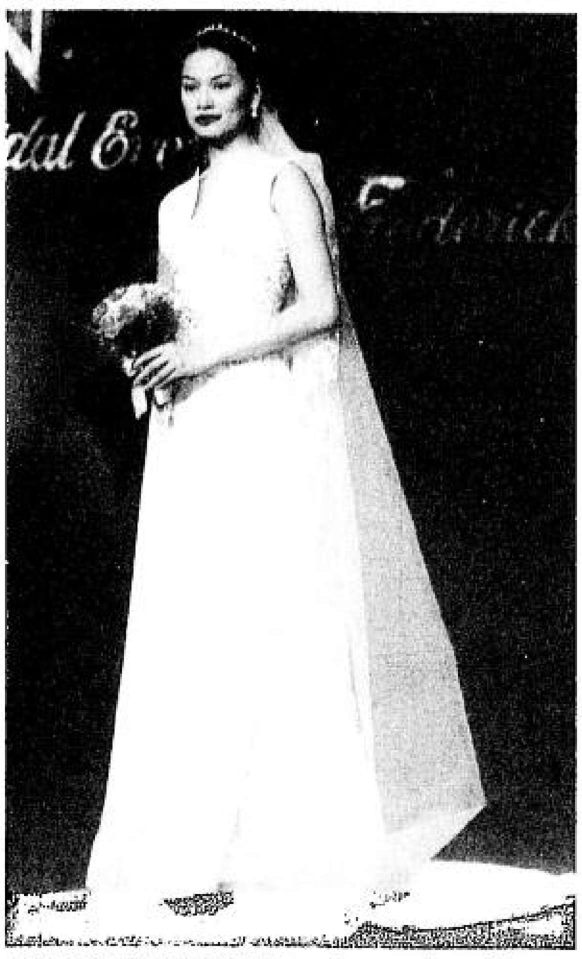


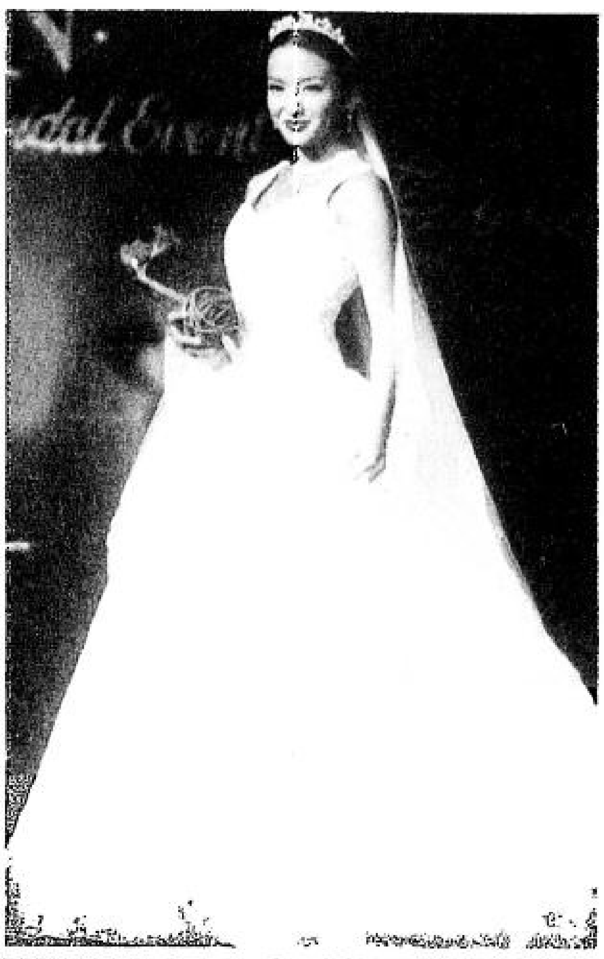
READY TO FLY. The sleeves are fashioned from ruffled organza and ribbonettes.



NICOLE'S LIKENESS. Layers of *piña*, *jusi* and horsehair fabric, embellished with beaded floral appliqués

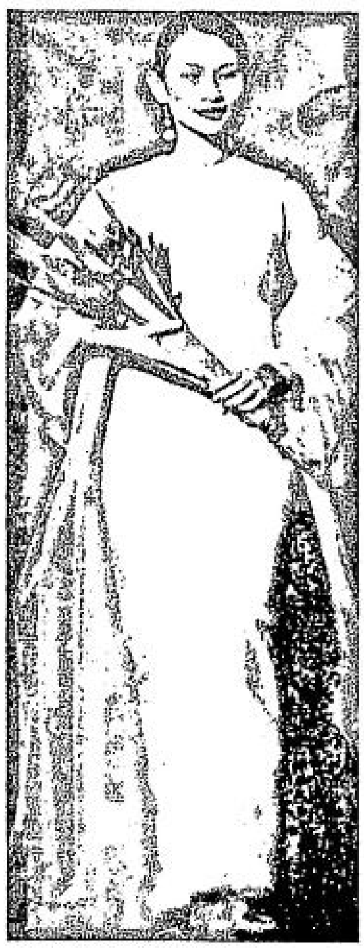


PANELED FOR EFFECT. Sleeveless number with a bodice adorned with gold and beige lace, and a layered skirt made of tie-dyed tulle over satin silk.



BREATHLESS. Sexy star Angela Velez in a fully sequined gown with a silver and white lace bodice, and a bouffant skirt in organza silk that glitters with floral prints

ONCE MORE, WITH FEELING. Assunta de Rossi wears the same black gown on the show's second night.



PLASTIC IT ISN'T. A round-necked sheath with handwoven *piña* shawl shimmers with beaded seed pearls.

The incandescent *bride*

Take that, minimalism. Frederick Peralta believes brides should shine, not hide

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

MINIMALISM certainly has no place in Frederick Peralta's vocabulary. The award-winning fashion designer pulled out all the stops recently by coming out with a 21-piece bridal collection that harked back to the age of romance when wedding gowns with intricate beadwork, embroidered veils, feathered bodices and glittery tiaras were the norm rather than the exception.

Directed by Robby Carmona and hosted by Karen Davila, the two-night fashion show at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall coincided with The Wedding Store's 10th anniversary, and featured movie stars and former beauty queens and models. Featured performers were singers Nolyn Cabahug, Bituin Escalante, Anna Fegi and Lani Misalucha. The String Minstrel, a 10-piece orchestra led by Ed and Tina Pasamba, provided the music.

Miriam Quiambao and Assunta de Rossi did the finale on separate occasions during the two-day show, wearing a black wedding gown with a scooped neckline, three-fourth sleeves and semi A-line skirt made of embossed brocade.

"I have nothing against minimalism," said Peralta. "It's simply not my style. Minimalist gowns look so off-the-rack. I don't want any of my brides to look like one of the guests."

Peralta's more notable pieces included a fully beaded chiffon gown accented with a ruffled organdy neckline that met and flowed below the model's back. The number may appear too romantic, but it succeeded in getting the audience's attention.

"That gown is fit for brides with a certain sense of daring," said Peralta. "It's not as simple and as romantic as it looks."

PERALTA takes a bow.

Conversation piece

Brides are duty-bound to provide a visual feast and a conversational piece through their wedding gowns, Peralta said.

"It will be the ultimate compliment for the bride," he added, "if she leaves female guests wishing they could also wear such a gown."

On a less frilly note, a succeeding number with a paneled neckline and adorned with lace in gold and beige on the bodice also spelled romance. Peralta fashioned the A-line skirt from a layer of tie-dyed tulle over several layers of satin silk.

A gown made of succeeding layers of *piña*, *jusi* and horsehair was perhaps Peralta's take on a similar gown that Hollywood actress Nicole Kidman wore last year to the Oscars. He further embellished it with beaded floral appliqué that cascaded from the model's chest down to her upper thighs.

Corsets and bouffant skirts were also aplenty. Actress Angela Velez wore one with a bodice adorned with fully sequined silver and white lace. As if all these details weren't enough, the layered skirt in organza silk glittered with floral prints.

Record finish

Aside from painstaking attention to details, Peralta also finished most of his pieces in record time. With the exception of three gowns, the rest of the pieces were all done in a week.

"I had less than two weeks to bring together everybody," he added. "What was so heartening about the entire experience was everybody agreed to work for free—from the director, to the performers, to the models, to the florists, down to the makeup artists."

Models led by the likes of new mom Wilma Doesnt wore real jewelry pieces provided by Venice Jewellers. Regie Soriano provided the tiaras, while 1816's Robert Blancaflor and Petals Galore's Gina de Guzman supplied the bouquets. Rudy Adriatico and Kuala did the models' hair and makeup.

"I'm so overwhelmed by the outpouring of support," Peralta gushed. "Imagine, they did it all for friendship's sake! In turn, I came up with a collection not only to promote my wedding gowns, but also to return the many favors given me by Rita Neri and rest of the people who make up The Wedding Store."

Soon after taking a bow, Peralta shared his bouquets with his ailing mother. This man is certainly no minimalist when it comes to expressing his love and gratitude.

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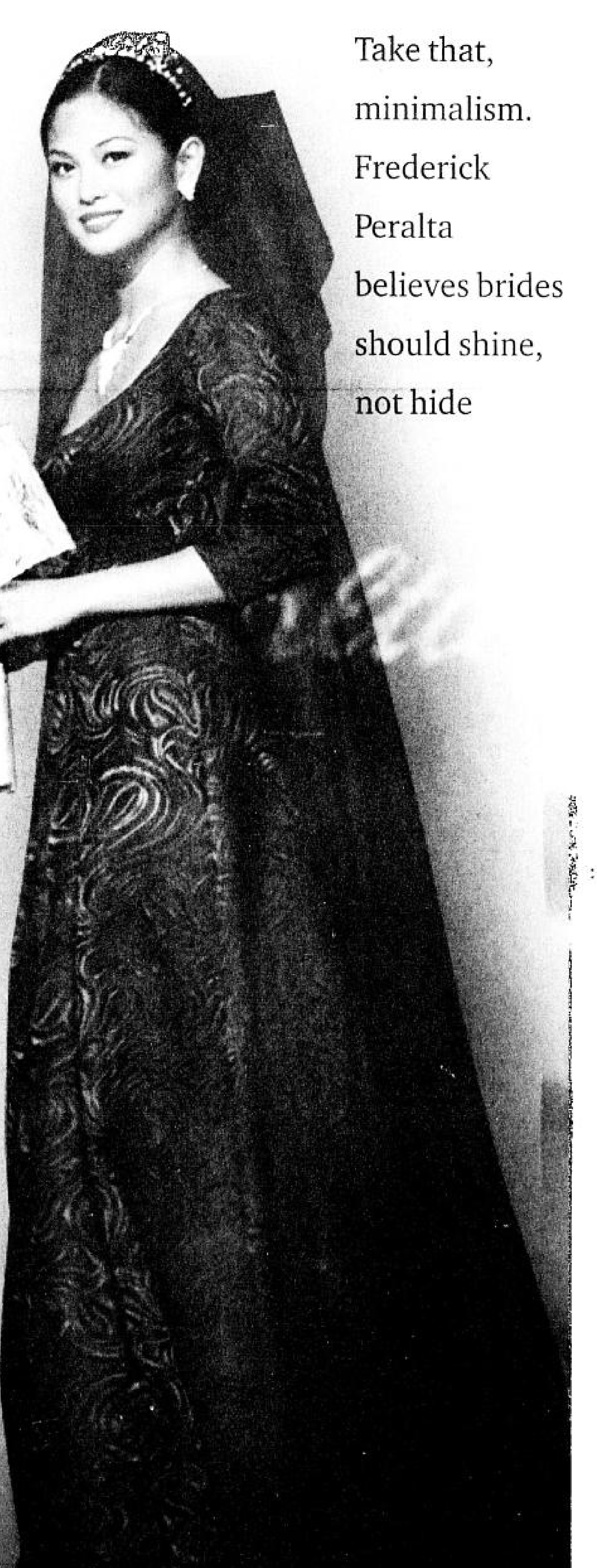
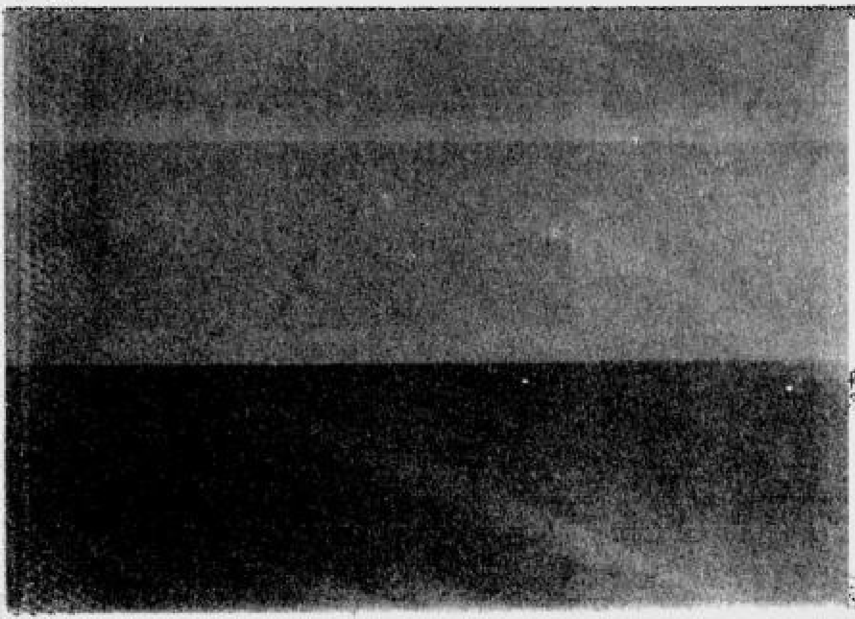


THE BRIDE WEARS BLACK. Miriam Quaimbao does the finale in a gown made of embossed brocade with a décolletage neckline, three-fourth sleeves and semi A-line skirt.



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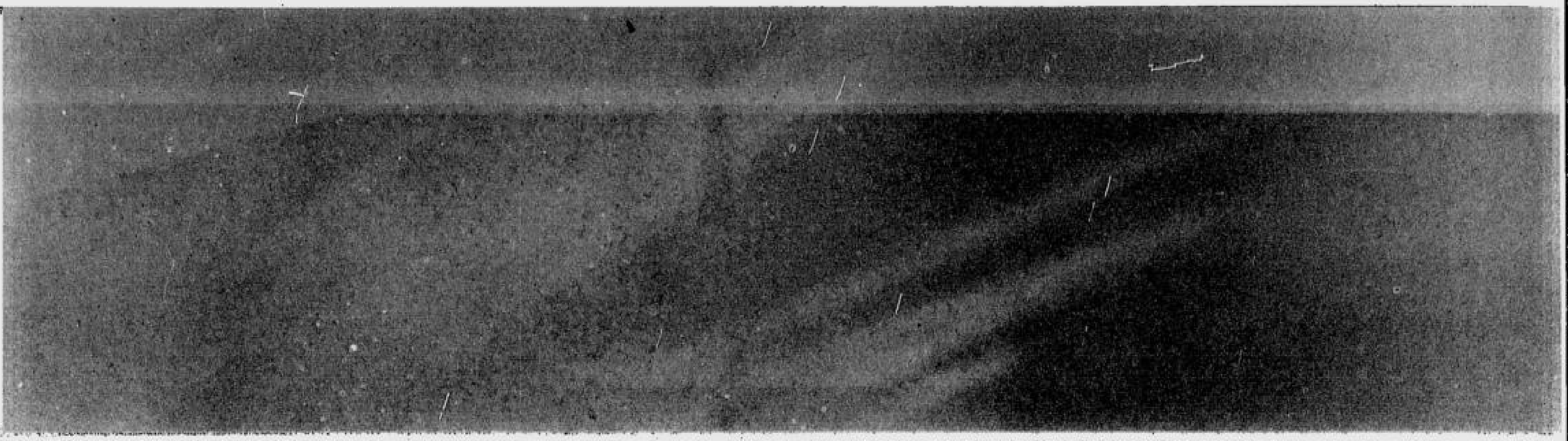

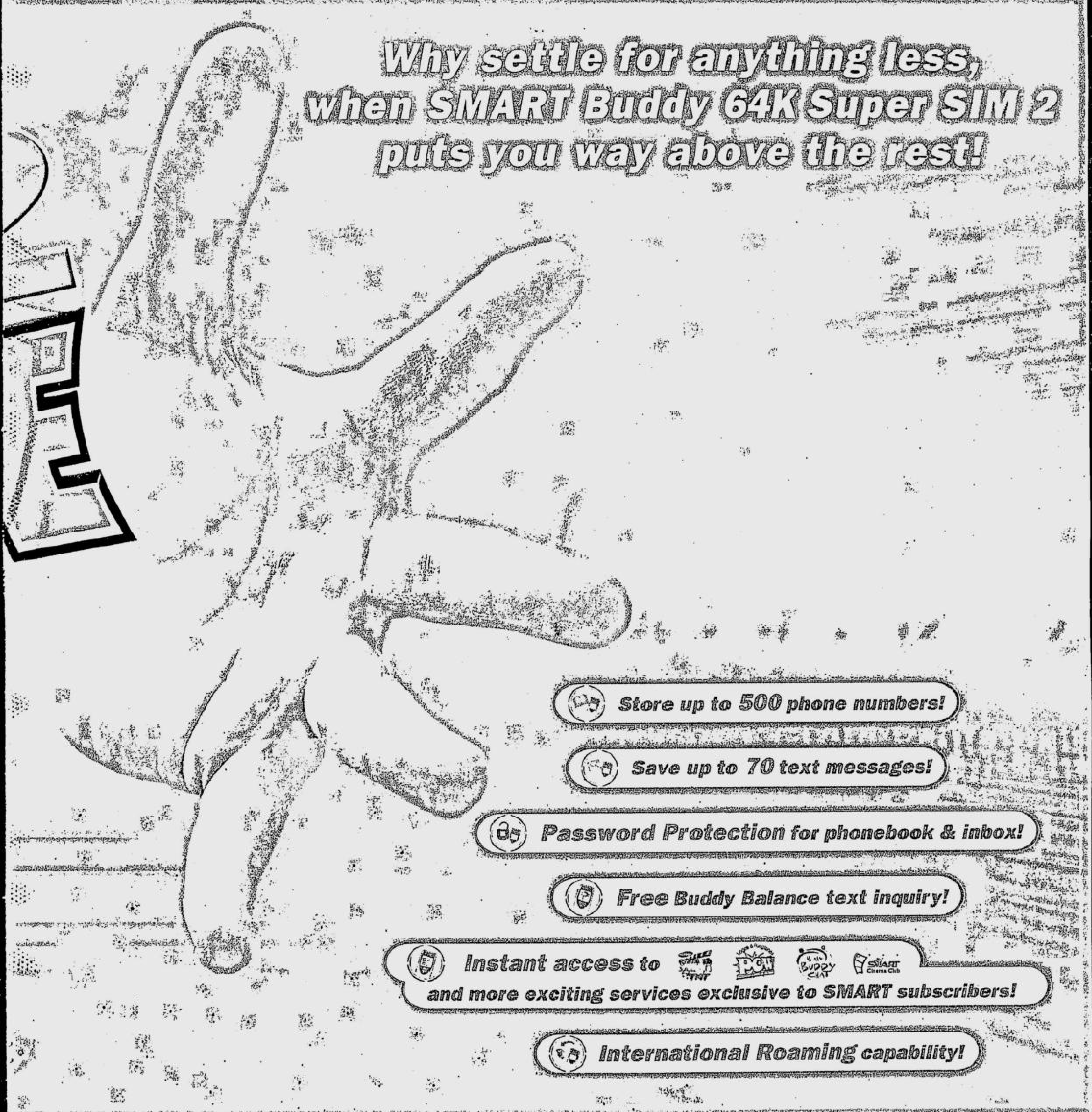

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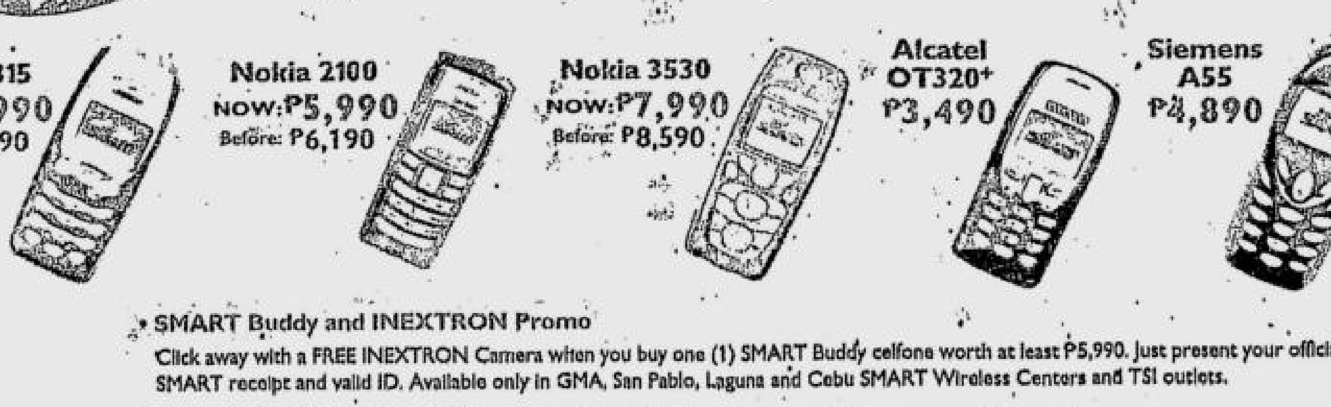
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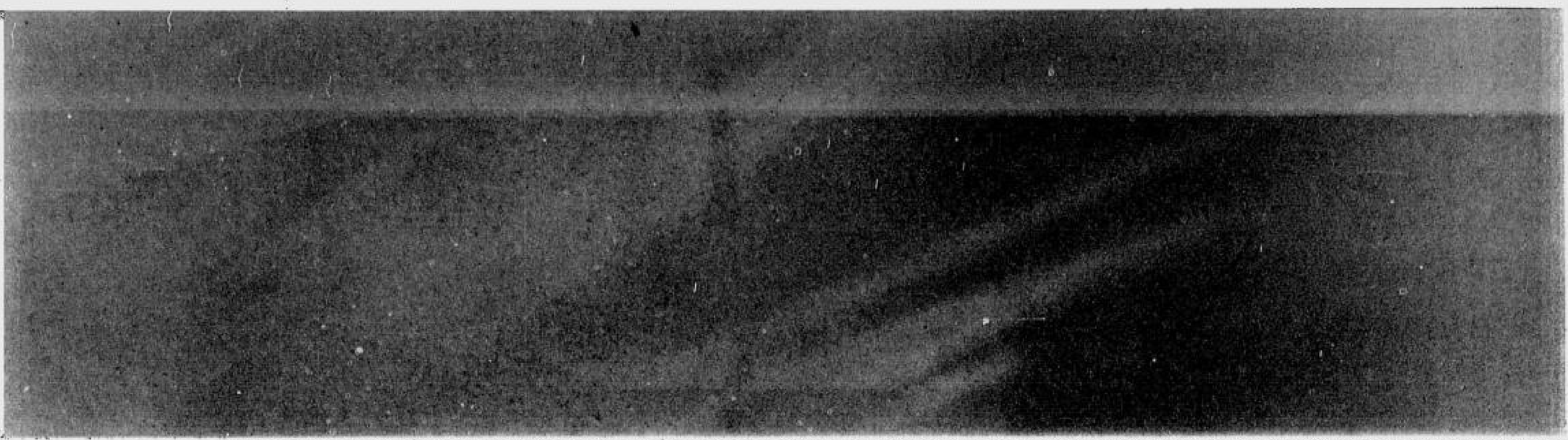

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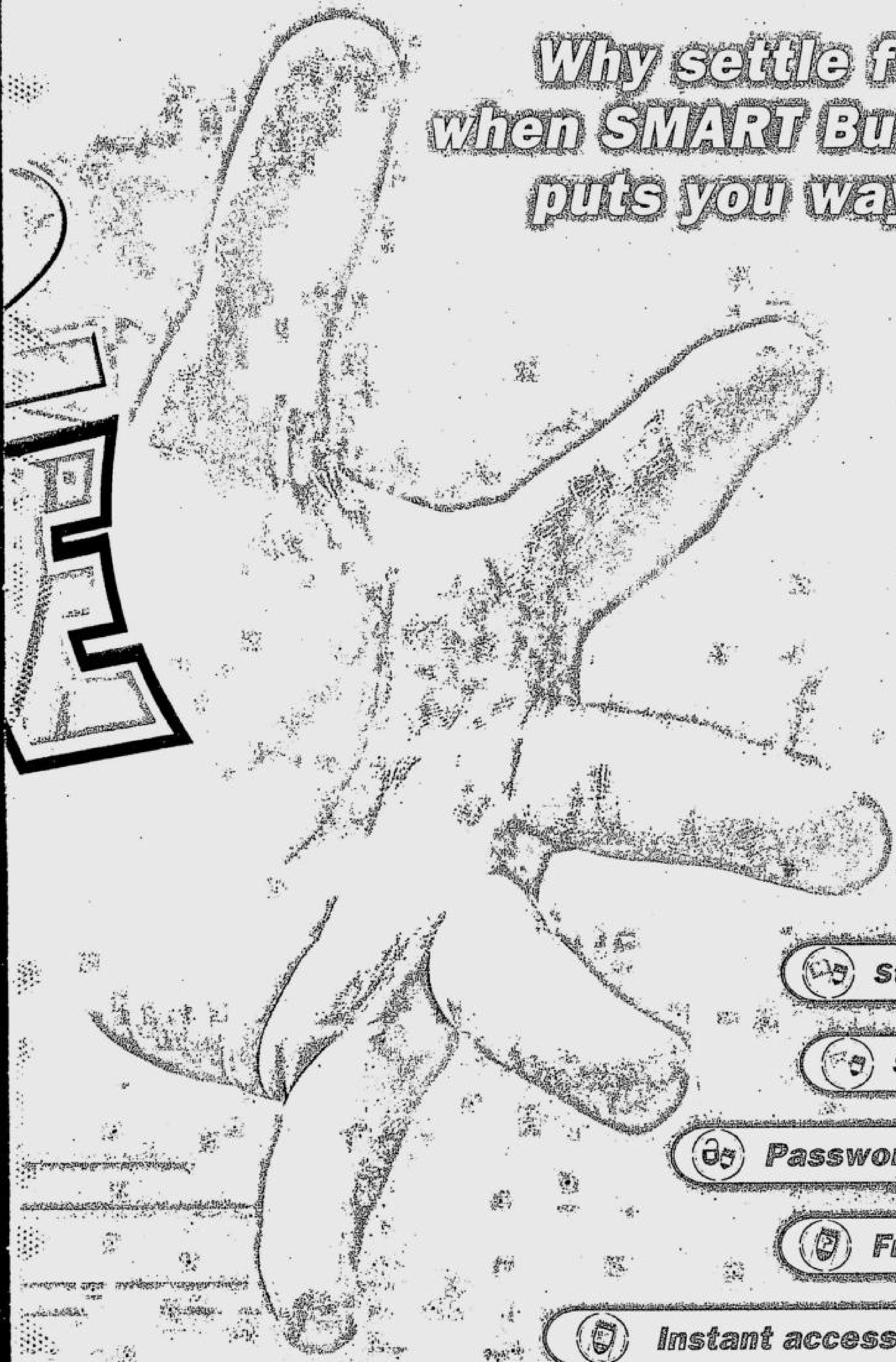

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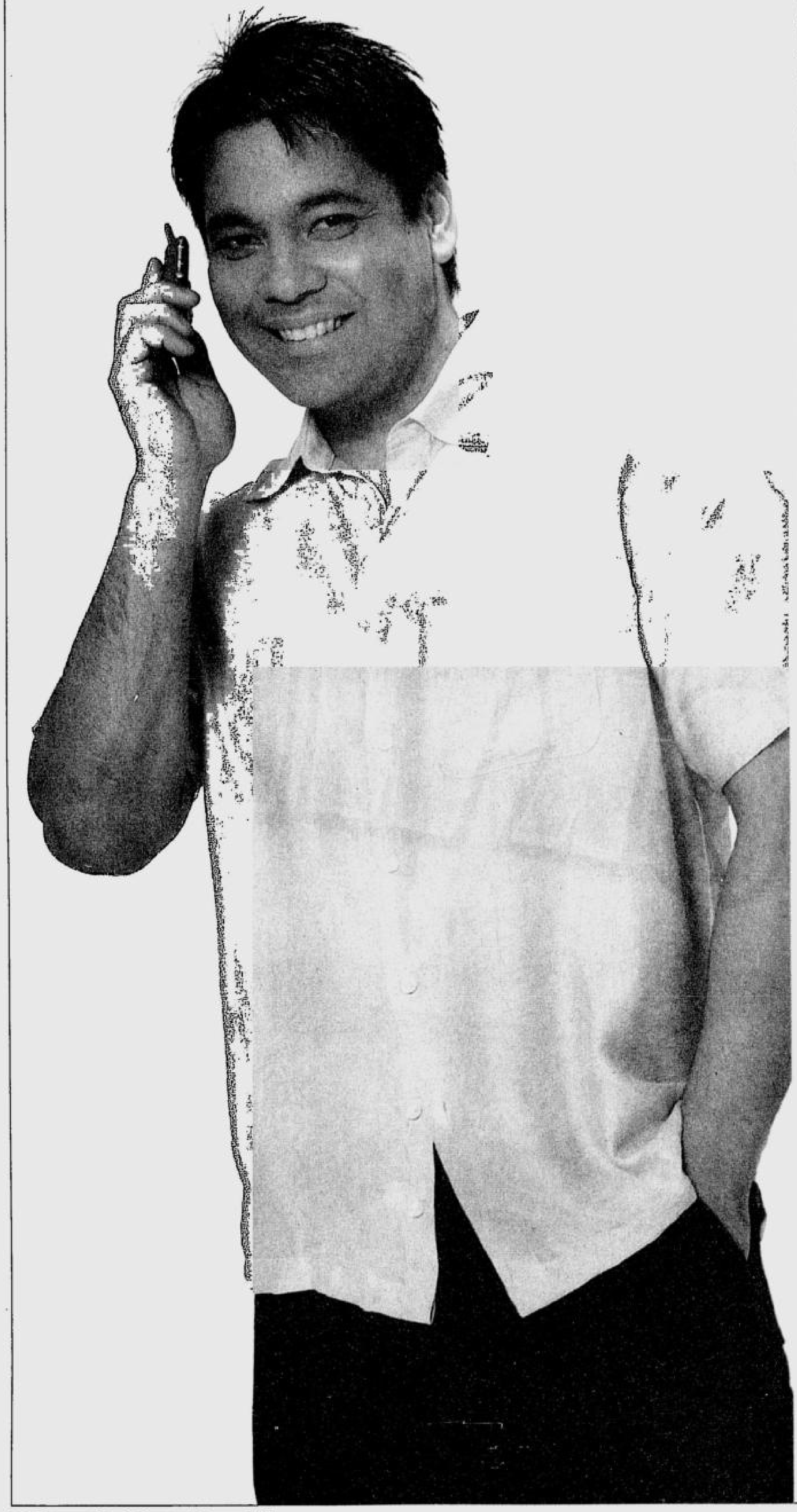

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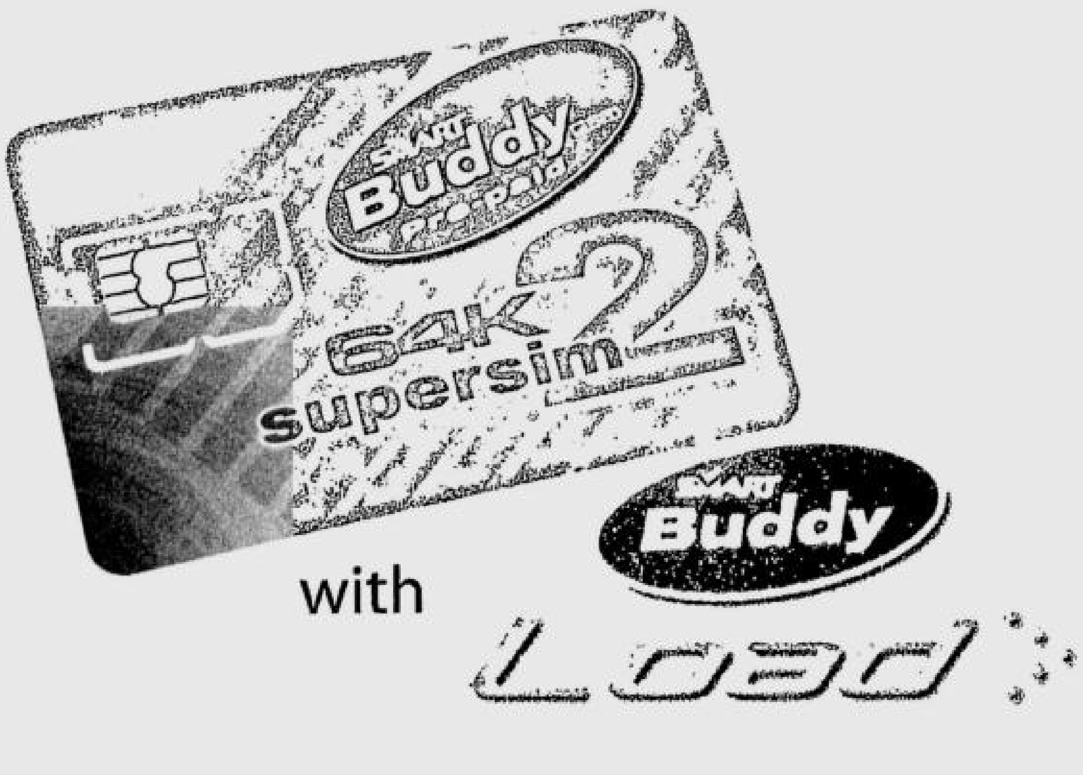

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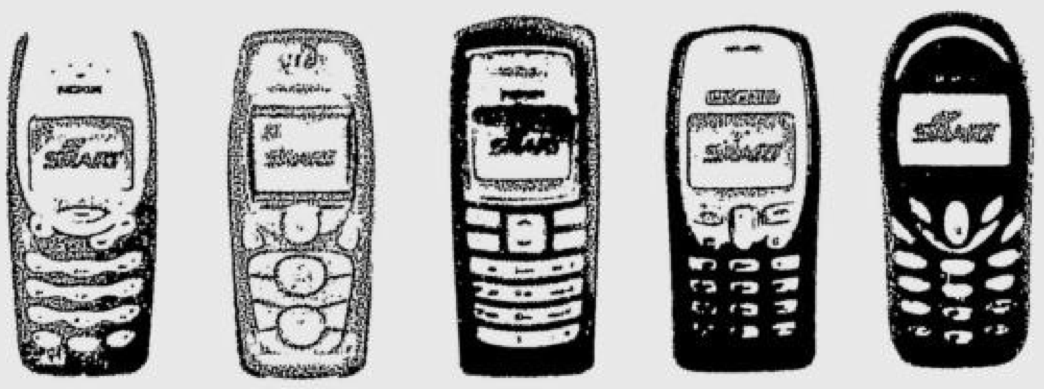

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Archie Chua's bridal bouquets / E6

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WITH THE GROOM'S family: Carla, Stephanie, mom Carolyn, dad Edward and Timmy

Rosas and his team did the hair and makeup while Penk Ching provided the wedding cake. Renee Araneta was coordinator and Richard Tann took care of the art direction and staging.

Michael Lim, the groom, prepared a lighthearted romantic video that included scenes from the wedding at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, which was aired during the reception at the Rizal Ballroom of the Shangri-La Hotel in Makati City.

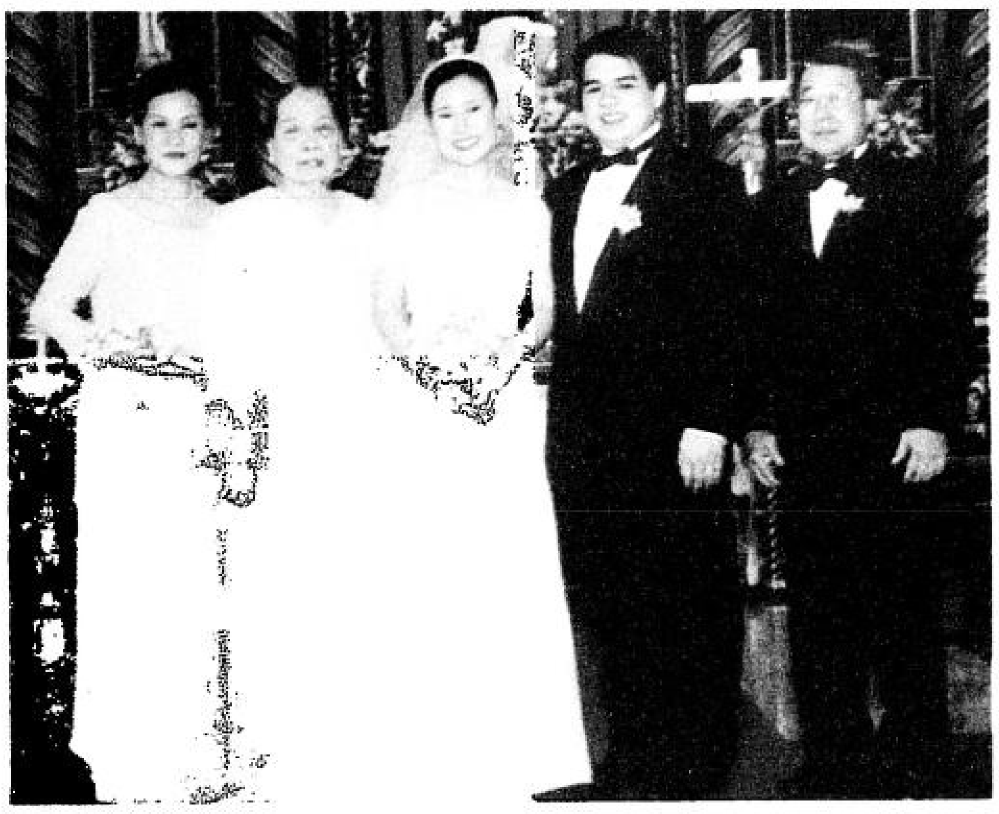
Dennis and Jonathan, Michael's best friends from Vancouver, emceed the program and friends and relatives provided the entertainment.

Delight Boonsirithum, the bride, offered to sing for everyone but ended up doing a duet with her new husband.

There was a joint bouquet and garter toss, a break from tradition. The newlyweds' first dance was to the tune of "Just the Way You Look Tonight."

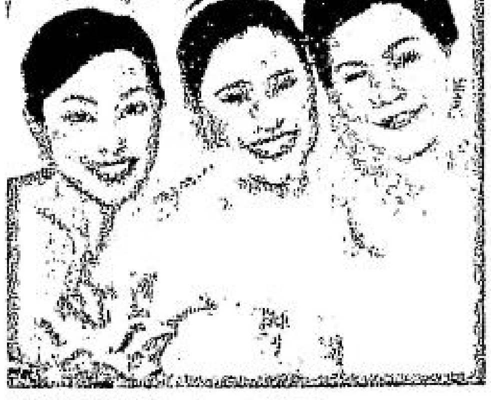
Their parents, Ed and Carolyn Lim and Prayut and Doris Boonsirithum were the picture of happiness as they watched their children.

THE FIRST kiss as husband and wife



WITH THE BRIDE'S parents and grand matriarch of the Go family: mom Doris, Sy Tian and dad Prayut

WITH THE GROOM'S parents and grandparents: Vicenta Tan, mom Carolyn, dad Edward, and Mr. and Ms Roman Lim



WITH DELUC and mom Doris

WITH HIS BEST friends from Canada: best man Jonathan Pagtakhan and secondary sponsor Dennis Albert

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The Experts Speak Up!

Ma. Clarissa S. Fortuna, MD
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Tips for a healthy and beautiful voice

The human voice is one of the most effective and influential means of communication. Our voice plays a big role in our careers, our relationships, and in our everyday interactions. Getting our message across through the function of our voice, whether in business meetings or negotiations, for inspiration or persuasion, is integral in performing our specific roles and in living our lives. A clear and healthy voice makes up a big part of our encounters with other people. Taking care of it is a necessity. Read on to discover ways to have a good, strong, beautiful voice.

The Anatomy of Voice

Our voice starts with a breath stream originating from the lungs. The vocal cords approximate the amount of air to allow its folds to vibrate and make a sound. After the sound is vibrated, it passes through a three-dimensional cavity consisting of the throat, the nasal cavity and the sinuses. The different characteristics of the said organs can affect voice resonation. Once the sound is resonated in the area, it is then shaped by the lips, tongue, teeth, and cheeks to form and speak out words as we know them.

You are your Voice

Just like a fingerprint, the human voice and speech pattern is amazingly distinctive. A few words on the telephone spoken by someone you know, or hearing a friend or family member talking in another room is all we need to identify who is speaking. Every human voice is unique as each person is endowed with different characteristics of the organs involved in voice production. For instance, people with large, relaxed vocal cords produce low pitches. Thin, tense vocal cords produce high pitches. A short palate and a stuffy nose both result in distinct nasal resonance. Varying conditions of the tongue, teeth and lips also alter one's voice -- determining things like lisps and accents. These factors combined determine and distinguish our individual voices.

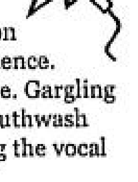
Pointers for a Beautiful Voice

Imagine having to conduct business with someone whose voice is muffled or who constantly clears his throat. Chances are, it's either you won't be able to make out the words, or you'll be too distracted to listen attentively. In order for a person to verbally communicate in an effective manner, his or her voice has to be clear and pleasant. The following are guidelines that you can follow so that you may speak with confidence and grace:

Vocal Hygiene Practices

- Maintain body hydration (10 glasses/day)
- Lessen caffeine & alcohol intake as these substances dehydrate the vocal cords.
- Do not smoke & keep away from second hand smoke.
- Warm up your voice. Vocal exercises every morning would help a great deal.

Vocal Use Practices



- Reduce the amount of voice use & increase the frequency of voice rest periods.
- Limit voice use in high noise environments (restaurants, parties, cars)
- Avoid shouting, screaming, loud laughter and exceedingly loud speech.
- Avoid whispering. When you whisper, a significant amount of air passes to the vocal cords making them dry and irritated.
- Avoid frequent throat clearing, a sign of dehydration and poor vocal habit.
- Take deep breaths. Don't speak without air.
- Use microphone or amplification when presenting to a large audience.
- Practice proper oral care routine. Gargling regularly with an antiseptic mouthwash helps keep the throat (including the vocal cords) healthy.

Watch out for next week's column on frequently asked questions on ENT concerns and the answers to these inquiries.

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A health update from the throat care experts, PSO-HNS and Bactidol.

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Honoring Audrey Hepburn with a bridal exhibit

DESIGNER Edgar Allan is mounting a bridal exhibit inspired by the classic style of Audrey Hepburn, legendary fashion icon and Hollywood actress, from June 16-30, at Glorietta, Ayala Center, Makati.

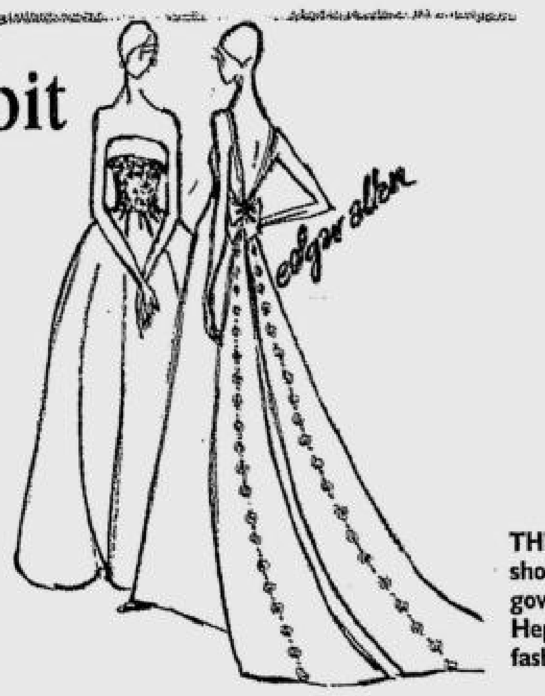
The exhibit will showcase several bridal gowns that capture Hepburn's unique fashion sensibility. It will also showcase the bridal gowns and entourage of two of Allan's most recent brides, who he feels best capture the Hepburn look of gamin femininity and elegance.

When Hepburn passed away in 1993, Allan also mounted a fashion exhibit inspired by her many film roles. For him, Hepburn's death signaled the end of the attitude of youthful innocence that she celebrated not only in her movies, but also in her personal life.

This attitude translated into a fashion style that was a delightful mixture of simplicity, elegance and demure sophistication, as only Hepburn's pixie looks could achieve it.

Amid the extravagant styles of the '50s, her fashion dictum, "less is more," became a signature copied by millions of young women of her time, and which has endured up to the present.

The bridal exhibit will also feature the cakes of Maite Gregorio of Cake Concepts.



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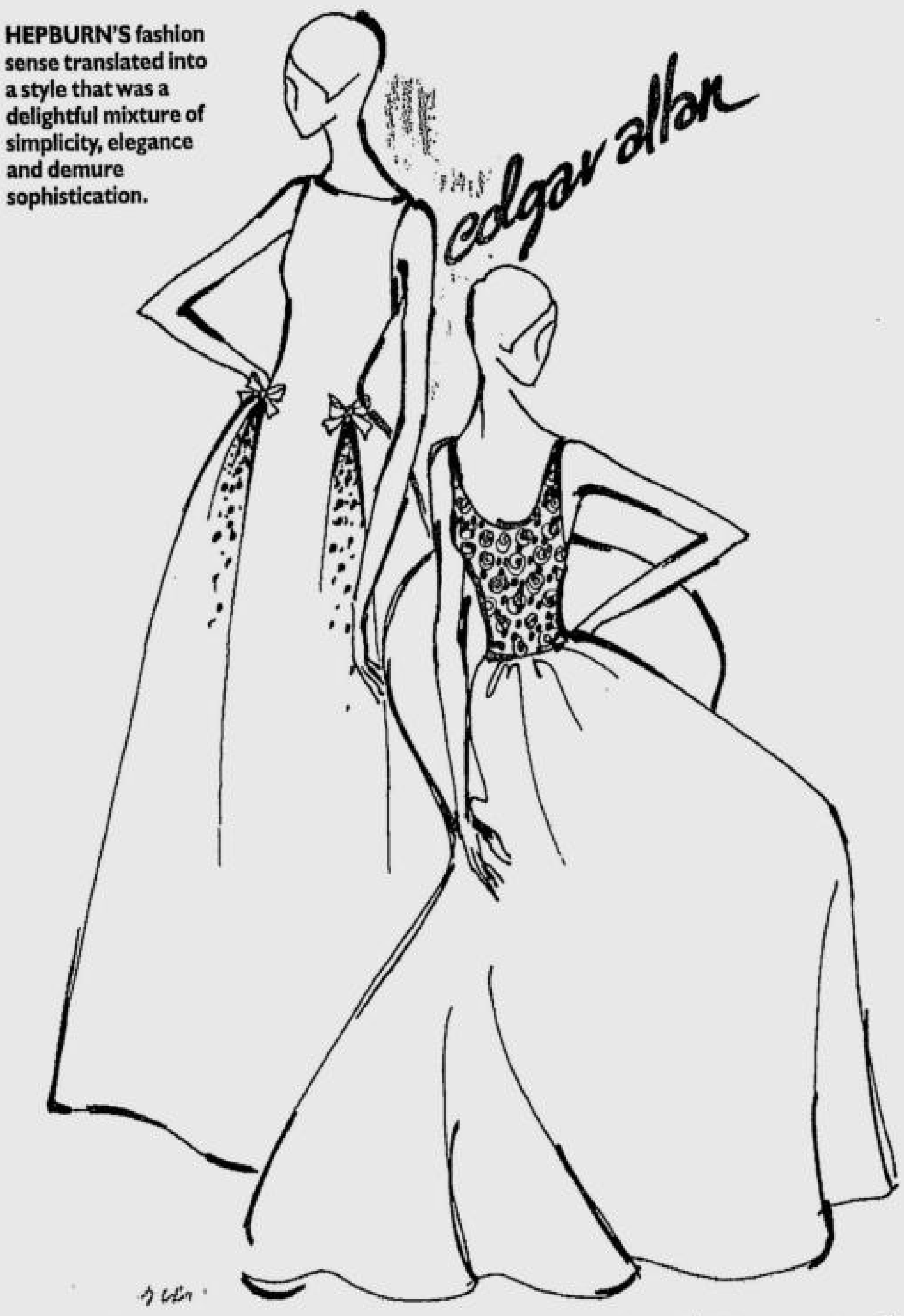

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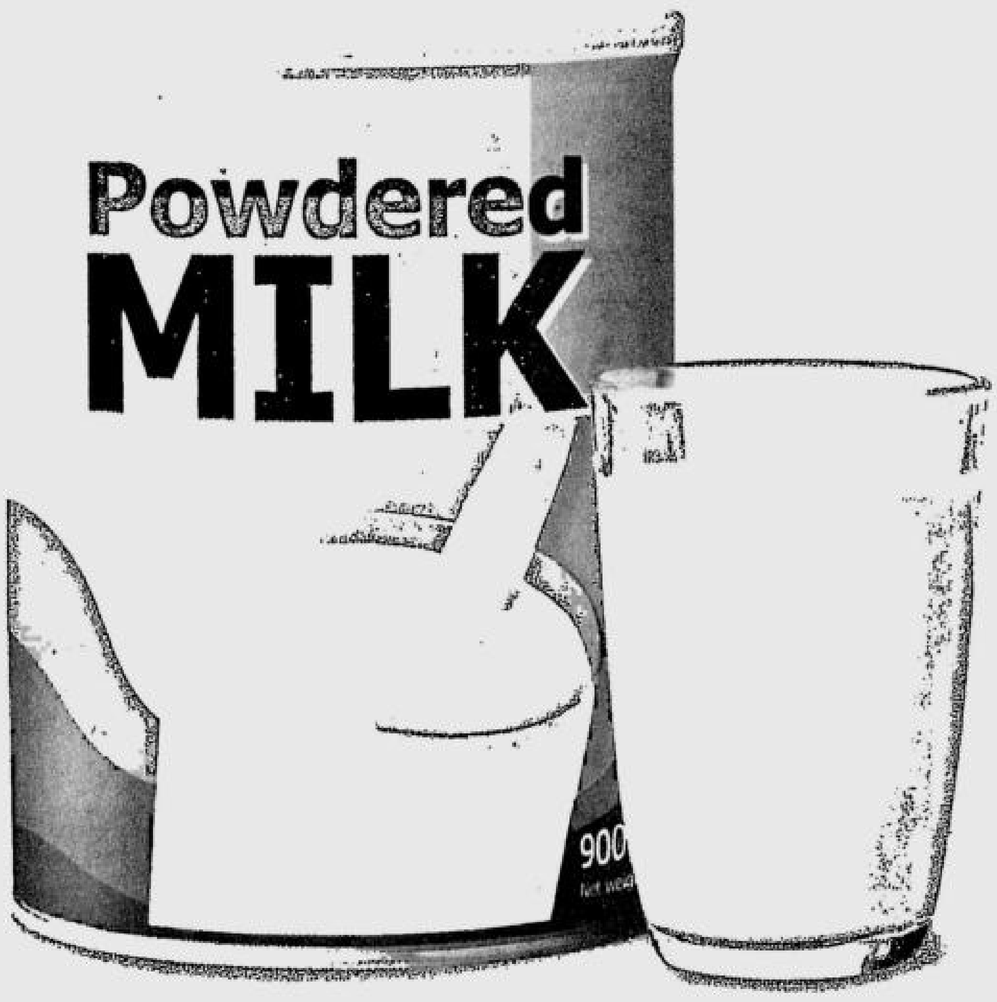

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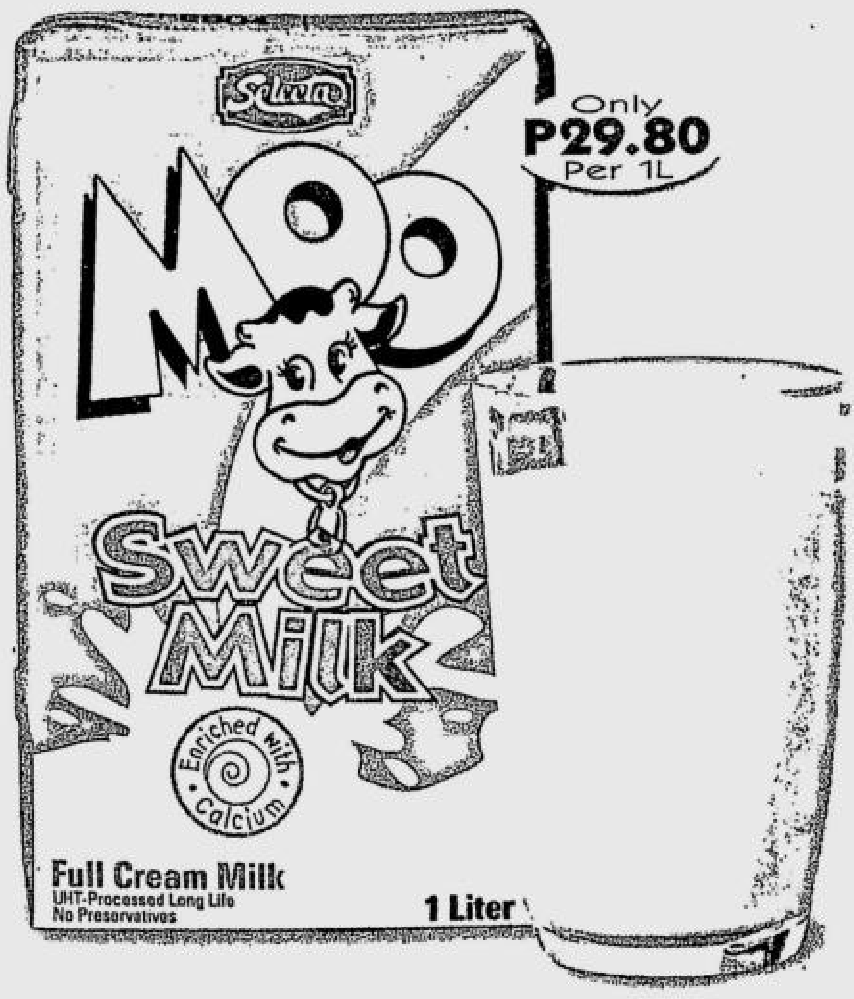

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The *golden couple* sang 'It's a Sin to Tell a Lie'

JUDGE Orlando and Lilia Paguio after the renewal of marriage vows

JUDGE Orlando C. Paguio, a retired judge of Meycauayan, Bulacan and a native of Bataan, and wife Lilia Cruz Paguio of Manila, a retired DepEd special education coordinator, celebrated their golden anniversary on April 26 with a garden wedding at Ancon Pavillion in Meycauayan, Bulacan.

Over 600 guests, friends and relatives of the family from Bulacan, Bataan and Manila attended the event, led by the couple's four children, Oliver, Larriza, Olson and Lorelyn, all of them married as well.

Instead of the modern bridal car, the couple rode in a traditional "caruaje." The reception afterwards, held at the same place, was highlighted by their duet of "Maalaala Mo Kaya" and "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie."

Their children and grandchildren, on the other hand, presented a modern dance medley choreographed by Laurence Contreras.

Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan, Secretary Angelito Sarmiento, Dr. Eduardo Everjuan, lawyer Johny Maningat, lawyer Jaime Domingo, Serafin Paguio and engineer Albert Cruz were the male principal sponsors.

Bulacan Gov. Josie de la Cruz, Bulacan Rep. Reylina Neneng Nicolas, Dr. Lourdes Everjuan, Zenaida Sumulong, Estrelita Antonio and Maria de la Cruz were the female principal sponsors.

The bride's gown was made in the US, a gift from a friend. It was made of matte gold and frosted organza cloth, and was embellished by the bride herself with a *panuelo* embroidered with rhinestones and sequins.

The whole entourage and the groom's *piña* cloth *barong* with second-class diamonds were also designed by the bride, with help from her daughters and daughters-in-law.

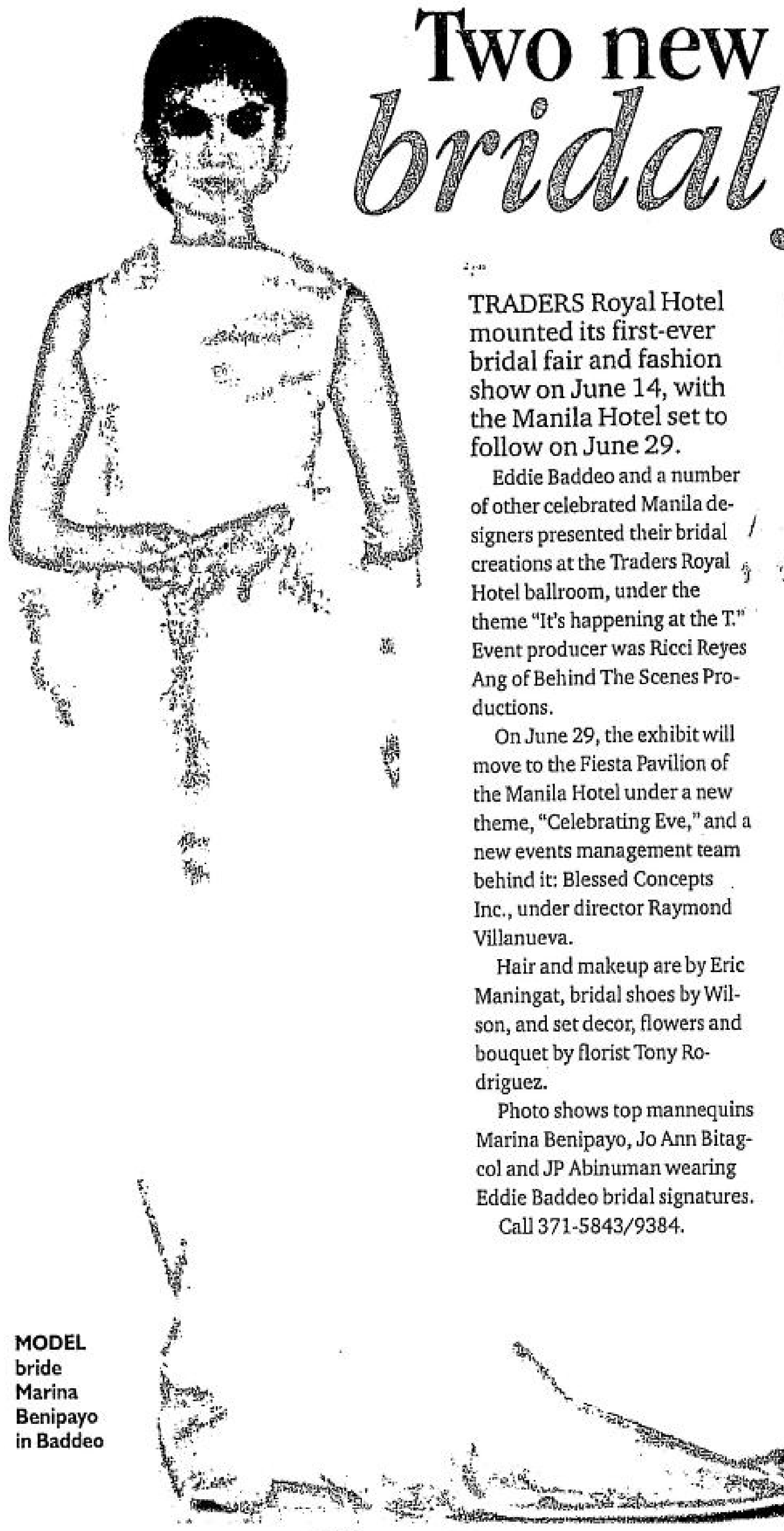
Hair and makeup was done by Al Buena. The reception was catered by Ark's Restaurant, while the flowers and decorations were made by Myrna's Flower Shop. Music was provided by Rules and His Band.

THE COUPLE and their principal sponsors

THE WHOLE Paguio clan: four children's family and 14 grandchildren

MODEL bride Jo Ann Bitagcol

MARINA Benipayo



MODEL bride Marina Benipayo in Baddeo

Two new hotel *bridal fairs*

TRADERS Royal Hotel mounted its first-ever bridal fair and fashion show on June 14, with the Manila Hotel set to follow on June 29.

Eddie Baddeo and a number of other celebrated Manila designers presented their bridal creations at the Traders Royal Hotel ballroom, under the theme "It's happening at the T." Event producer was Ricci Reyes Ang of Behind The Scenes Productions.

On June 29, the exhibit will move to the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel under a new theme, "Celebrating Eve," and a new events management team behind it: Blessed Concepts Inc., under director Raymond Villanueva.

Hair and makeup are by Eric Maningat, bridal shoes by Wilson, and set decor, flowers and bouquet by florist Tony Rodriguez.

Photo shows top mannequins Marina Benipayo, Jo Ann Bitagcol and JP Abinuman wearing Eddie Baddeo bridal signatures.

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MODEL bride JP Abinuman

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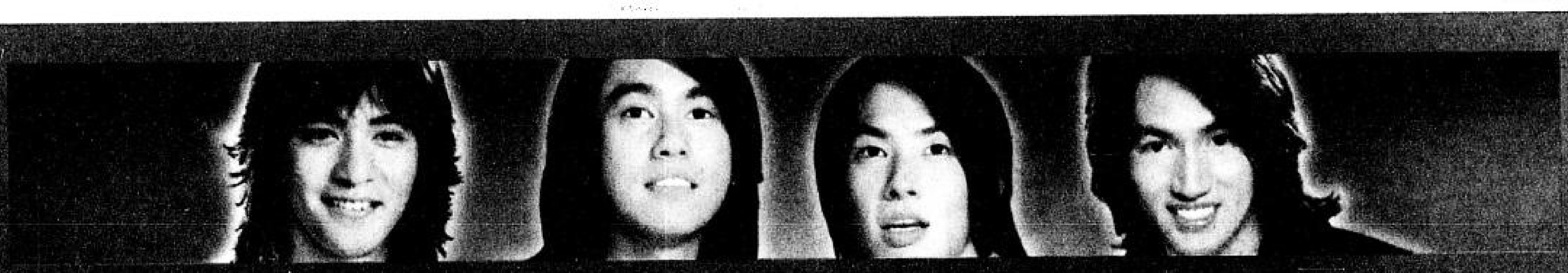

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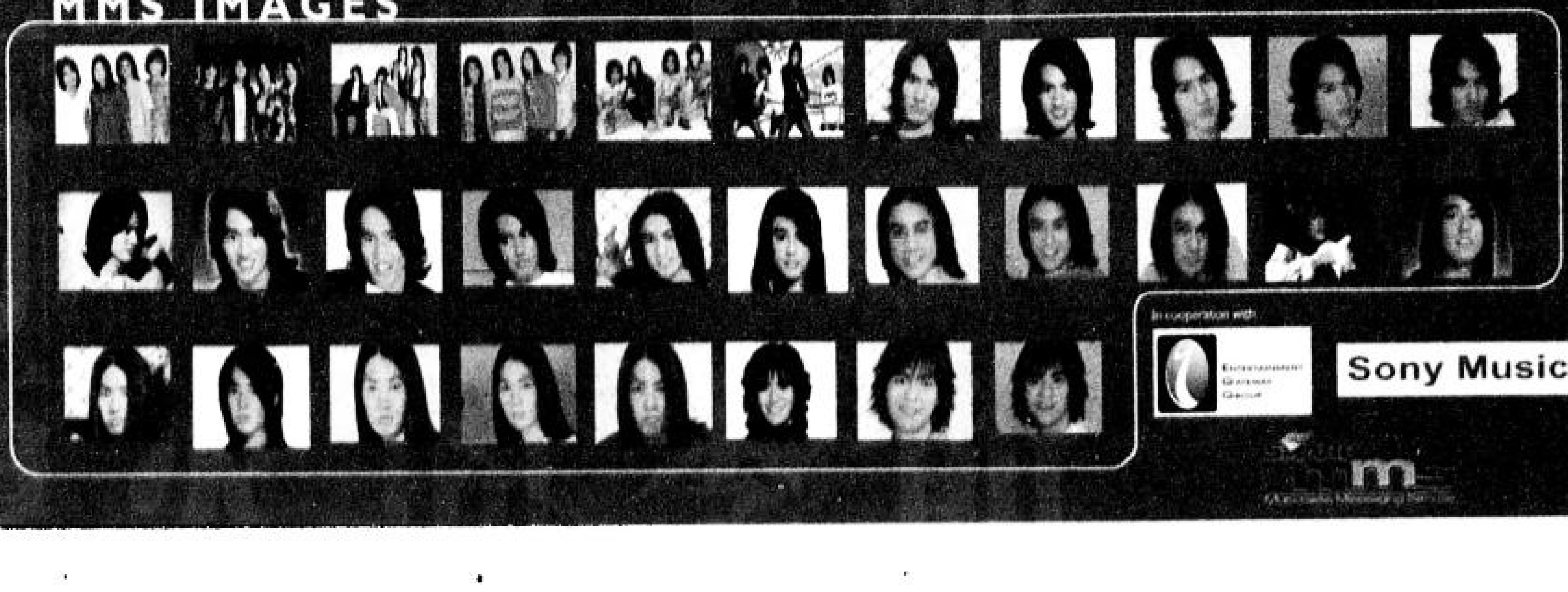

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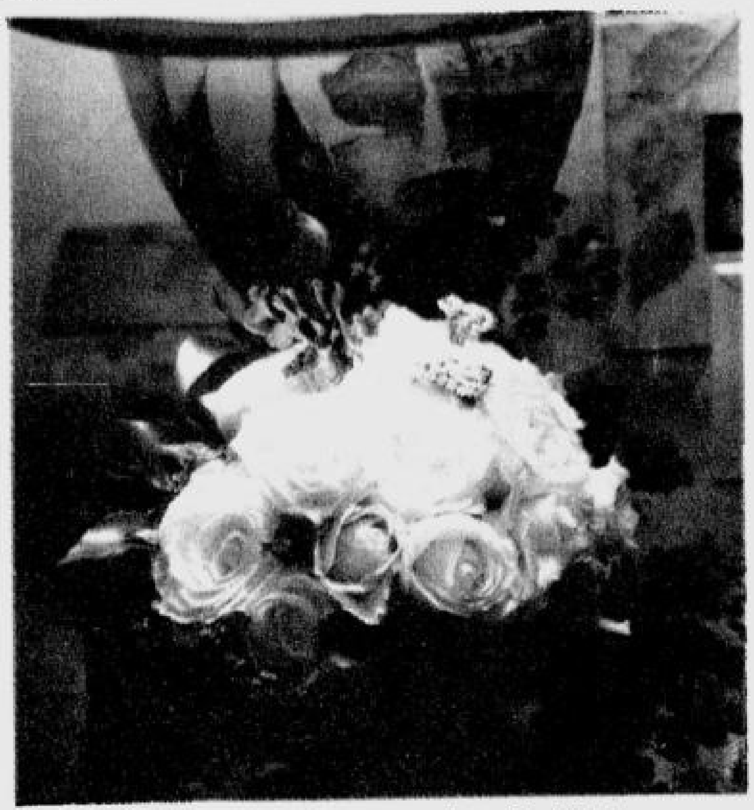
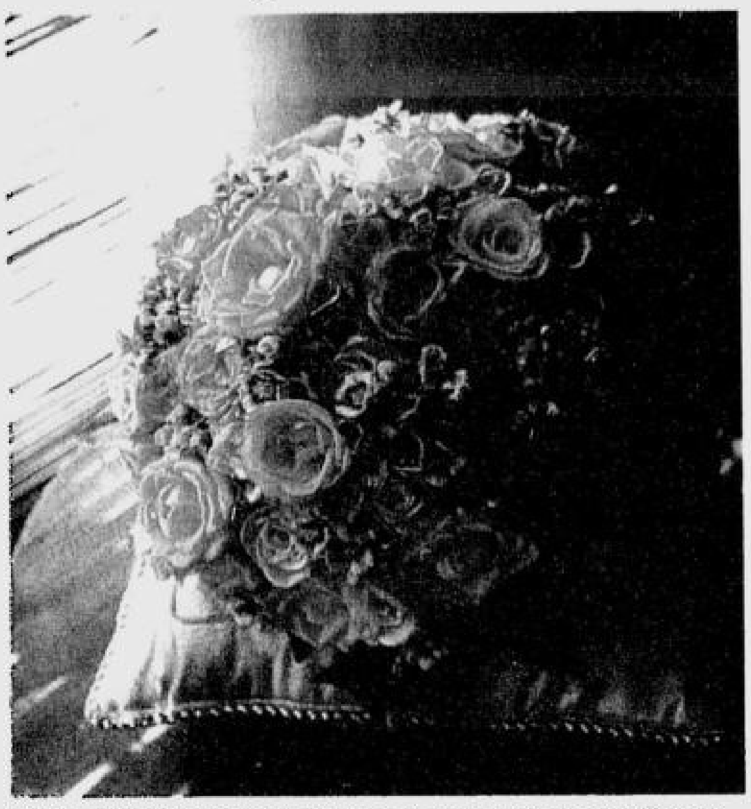


SIMPLE AND CLASSIC. Osiana roses variety with delicate maidenhair fern adorned with lavender ribbon



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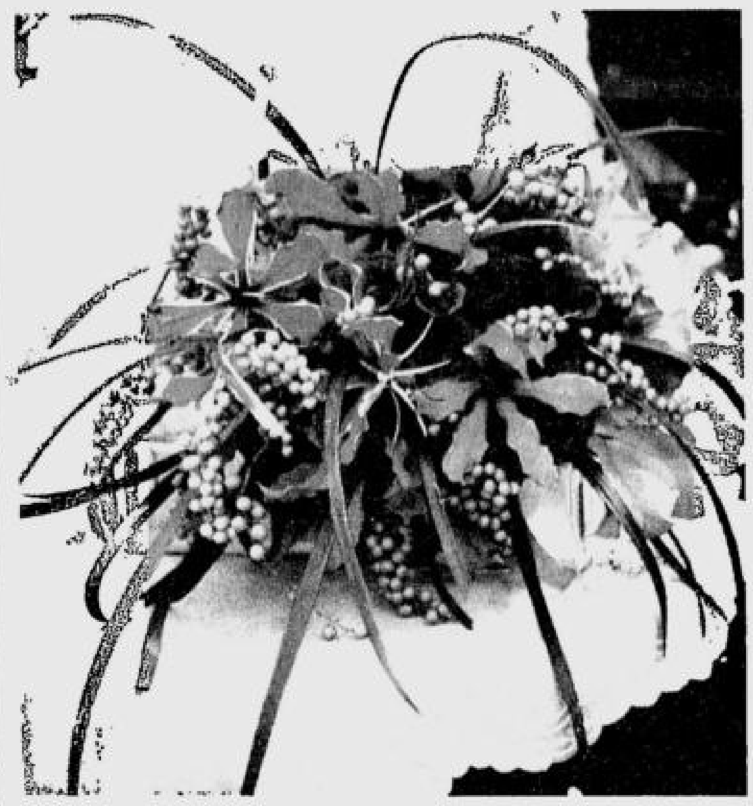


WILD AND ROMANTIC. Hand-tied gloriosa lily with grand gala roses, lily grass, polypodium ferns and green berries

Bouquets for her wedding day

Text by Allison Lopez
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

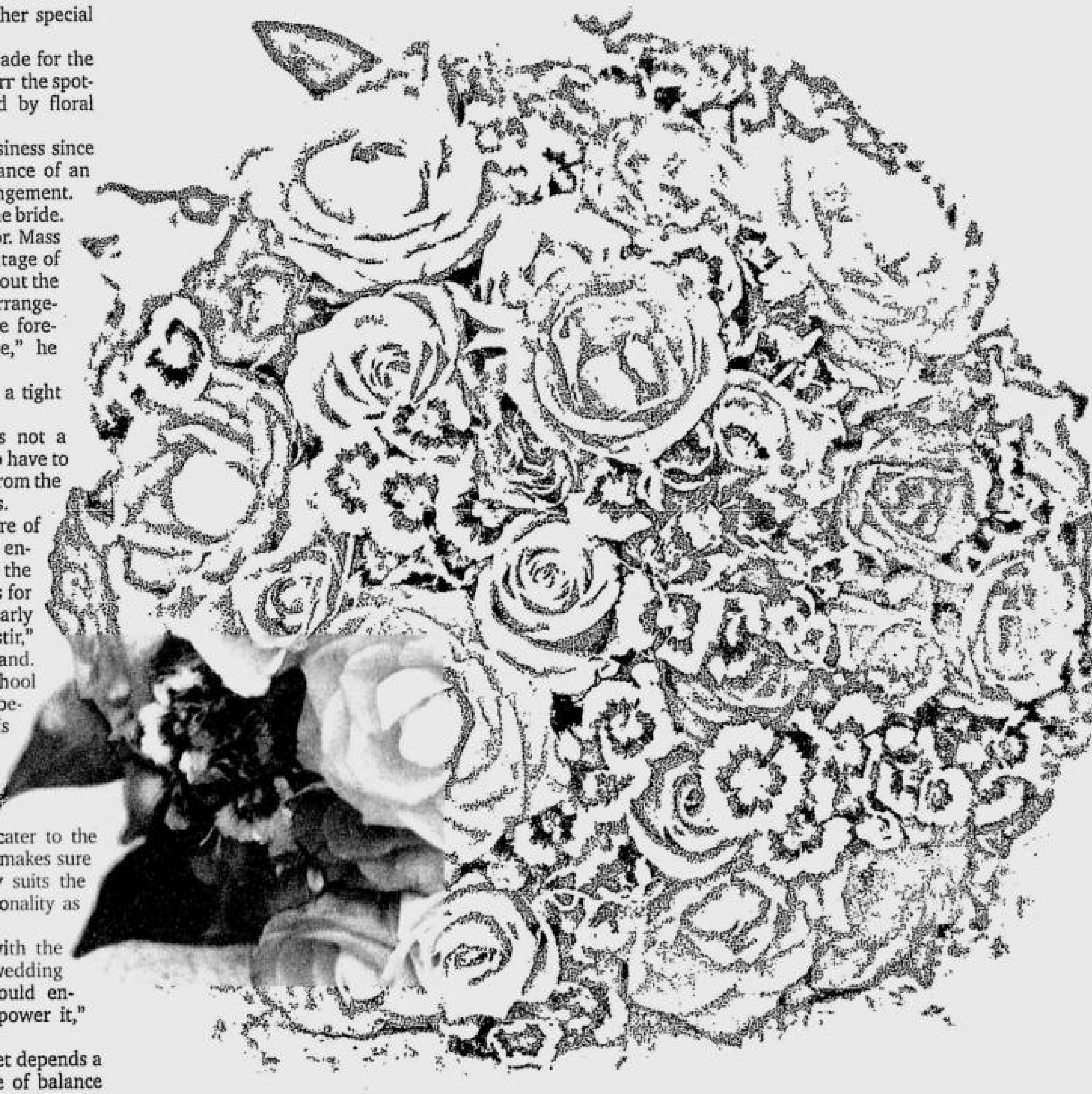
"HERE comes the bride, all dressed in white..."

Just perfect, isn't she? Resplendent in her Swarovski-laden designer gown, the bride walks down the aisle, beaming... with a bouquet of withering flowers that seems to be falling apart.

The wedding bouquet has always played second fiddle to the bridal gown when it comes to the budget (and attention). With brides spending too much on their gowns, hardly enough is left for a striking bouquet arrangement.

Little do many brides know that this "thing" they hold when they walk down the aisle carries as much impact and meaning as the dress they are wearing. It can even make or break a girl's dream look on her special day.

So for this pictorial specially made for the wedding-est month of June, we turr the spotlight on bridal bouquets created by floral stylist Archie Chua.



Chua, who has been in the business since the '80s, emphasizes the importance of an impressive wedding bouquet arrangement.

"It gives that added oomph to the bride. And it's worth spending money for. Mass retail florists may have the advantage of offering lower prices, but what about the quality of the flowers and the arrangement? Quality should still be the foremost consideration before price," he says.

What about those who are on a tight budget?

"Working around a budget is not a problem, of course. But you'll also have to explain what they should expect from the amount that they allot," Chua says.

As floral stylist, Chua takes care of all floral décor—from the car, the entourage, the church, all the way to the reception. His favorite wedding is for a high-profile couple back in the early '90s because it "created quite a stir," and because he was given a free hand.

A graduate of the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID), Chua began doing arrangements for his relatives and friends, then for friends of friends, and the rest is, well, history.

In PSID, he says the most important lesson he learned is to cater to the client's wants and needs. He also makes sure that the floral bouquet not only suits the bride's taste but reflects her personality as well.

"It's important that I meet with the bride and see the sketch of the wedding gown because the bouquet should enhance the design and not overpower it," says the home-based florist.

The choice of wedding bouquet depends a lot on the gown's style. A sense of balance should be maintained between the gown and the bouquet. For example, a "fresh-picked" bouquet from the garden may look out of place with a very formal gown.

For this pictorial, Chua created four wedding bouquets in various sizes: two are nosegays (tightly bound cluster of small flowers, round in shape), which are meant for petite brides; one is cascading (large, tear-shaped arrangement with a graceful downward spill of flowers), suitable for taller brides; and the other is hand-tied (a simple cluster of long stems, tied with a ribbon).

Note that the bouquet size must be in proportion to the bride. A too-large bouquet for a petite bride would simply overpower her and compete with her gown.

More choices

For his choice of flowers in the pictorial, Chua used mostly roses, his personal favorite.

"I also like using flowers that tend to be ignored by others. It shouldn't really matter if it's associated with, let's say, funerals. All flowers are beautiful. It's just a matter of presenting it," he says.

And this he did. For the cascading arrangement, Chua gave a twist to Hawaiian anthuriums with split-leaf philodendron and tropical berries.

Florists, and brides as well, he adds, are luckier nowadays because there's a wider variety of flowers accessible to them made possible by technological advances.

Although a lot of the flowers are still imported, such as French tulips, Australian protea and the Dutch variety of cymbidium orchids, others, such as the different types of Oriental and Asiatic lilies, are now locally available.

"Lily of the valley, which is quite in demand, is still being imported, though. But to make an impressive lily of the valley bouquet, about 20 stems are needed, so it's pretty costly," he says.

French tulips, peonies and lily of the valley, are the high-maintenance flowers, while roses and certain types of hydrangea are the sturdier ones.

Chua gets ideas for his arrangements from reading trade magazines and updating himself with new designs through the Internet. He says the trend nowadays is compact bouquets with a combination of berries, Swarovski crystals, ostrich feathers and leaf-covered cones.

"I don't really go for trends, though. For me it's still a case-to-case basis," he explains.

Though he gets a lot of inspirations from magazines and the like, he makes it a point to add his unique touch to every item. His personal style, though, is far from flamboyant.

"I'm not the frilly type. As much as possible I stick to blooms and foliage, and use less accessories. I don't use a lot of lace or ribbons, but when I do, I use vintage ribbons because they are of a different quality. Though I also make it a point to utilize natural byproducts such as leaves, seed pods, berries, twigs, grasses."

The wedding bouquet, he says, is the most important accessory a bride can have on her grand day, and it shouldn't be taken for granted.

"If one is to be consistent with all the details in place, you should never leave out your wedding bouquet."

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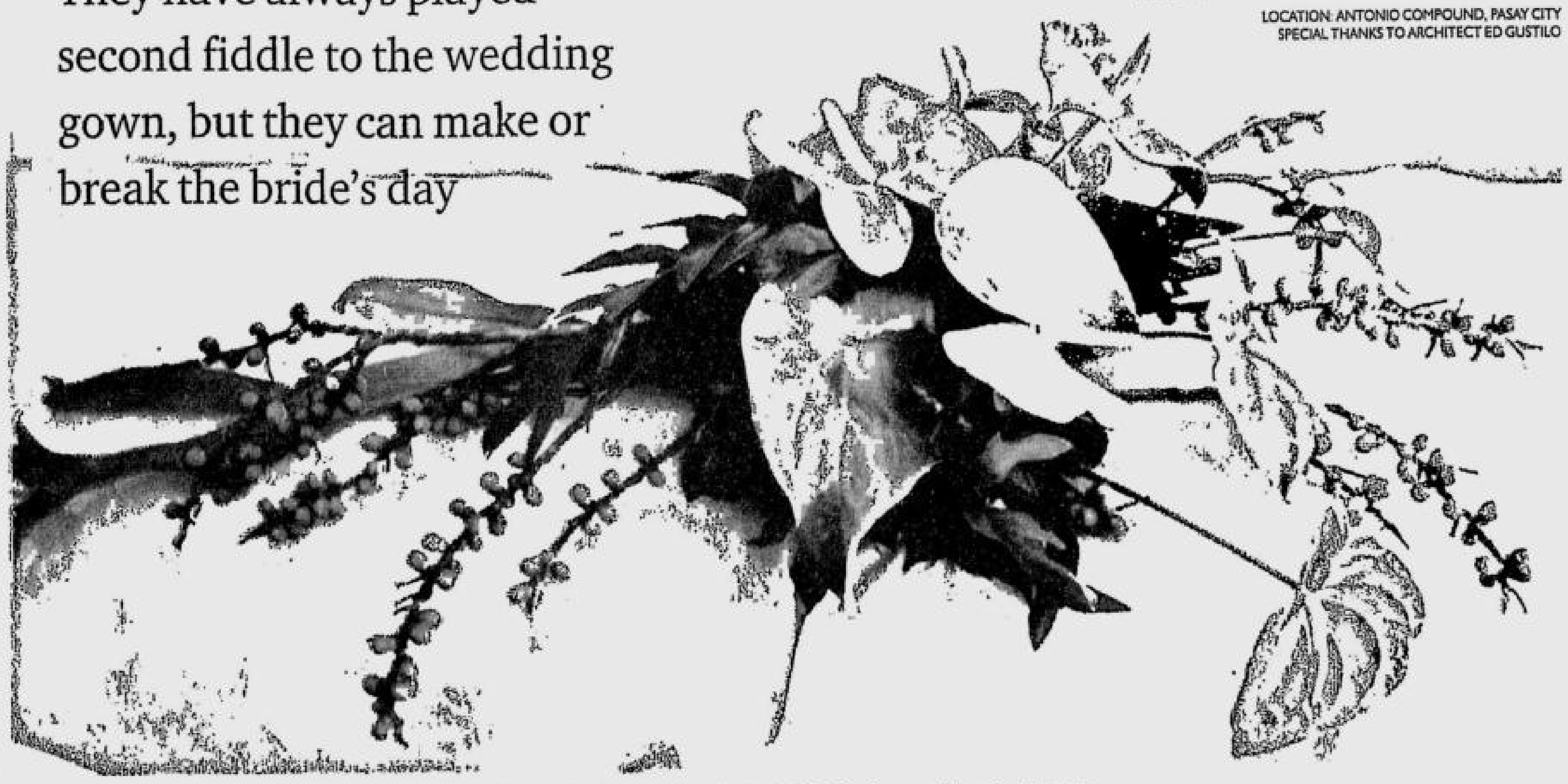
FLORAL stylist Archie Chua



DARING AND SOPHISTICATED. Cascading Hawaiian anthuriums with split-leaf philodendron and tropical berries

Milestones

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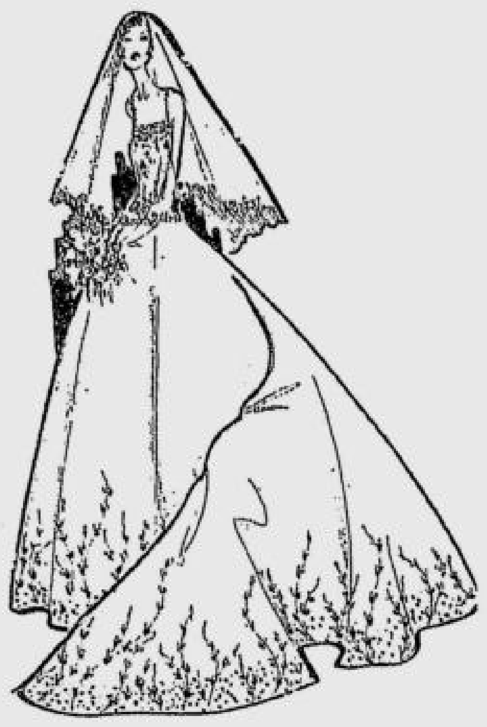
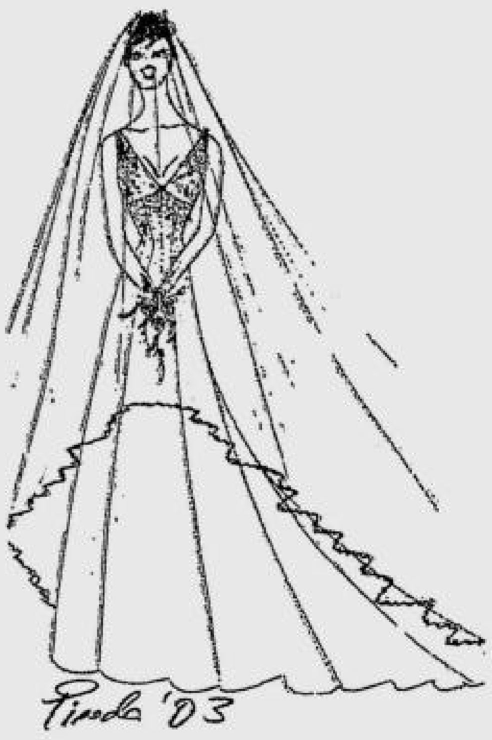


CO-GO

Tani Go, daughter of **Rogelio Tan** and **Priscilla Go Tan**, will wed **Joseph Co**, son of **Xu Jia Miao** and **Zheng Xiu Yun**, on June 22 at the Binondo Church. The bride will wear a **Ricci Lizaso** gown in elegant duchess satin with dainty pastel glass and caviar beads, and frosted and embossed flowers.



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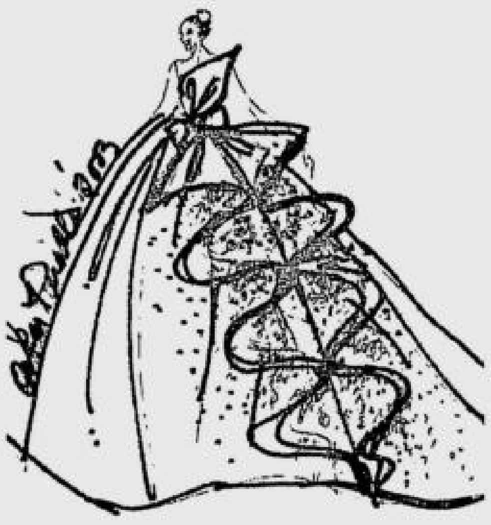
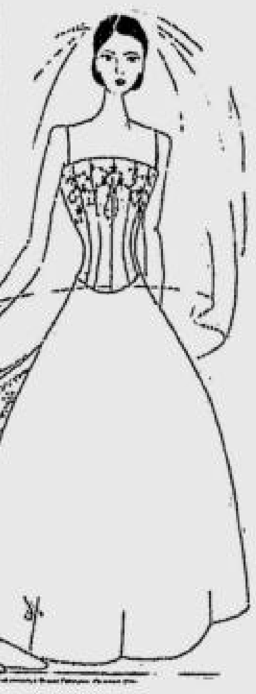
SYCIP - VIVAR

Claudine Vivar, daughter of **Baby Gozon vda. de Vivar**, will exchange vows with **Albert Sycip**, son of **Mr. and Ms Jose Sycip**, on June 20 at the Church of Saint James the Great. **Eric Pineda** designed the bride's gown in ivory Italian satin. Reception will follow at The Palms Country Club, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City.



JOSE DEBUT

Efren and **Lou Jose** of Chicago, Illinois, will celebrate the 18th birthday and graduation of their daughter, **Ma. Rochelle Anne Mendoza Jose**, today, June 15. The cotillion and reception will be held in their residence in Rosemont. The debutante will wear a gown by **Oskar Peralta** in duchess satin pink organza with a leaf design on one shoulder.



MARANAN-ALVAREZ

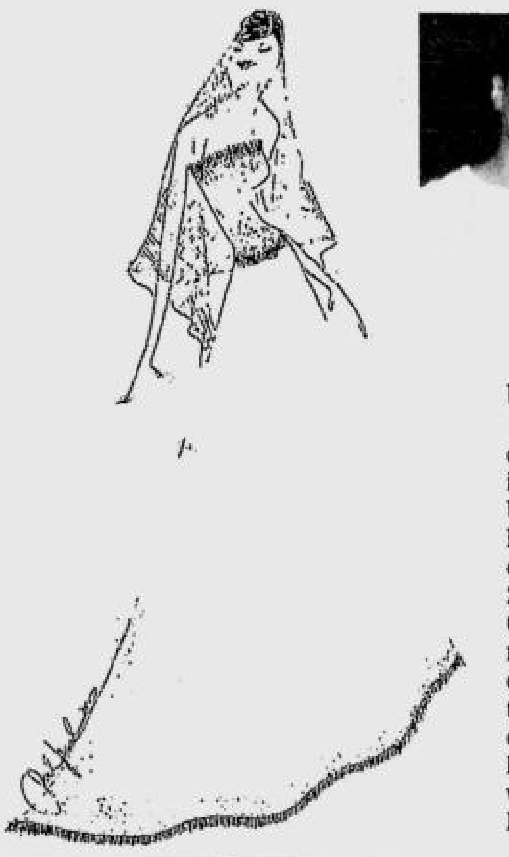
Florencio A. Maranan III, son of **Thomas** and **Victoria Maranan**, will wed **Celeste V. Alvarez**, daughter of **Alan** and **Celia V. Alvarez**, on June 27 at the Iglesia ni Cristo, Local ng Lagro. Reception will follow at Casa Milan. The bride will wear a two-piece ivory gown with detachable train made of imported cationic silk with intricate beadwork by **Rollie H. Graza** of Balay Pagdaitan. Accessories are by **Mikhael.**

MENDOZA-AMURAO

Jovito R. Mendoza Jr., son of **Jovito Sr.** and **Salome Mendoza**, wed recently **Marlene Amurao**, daughter of **Sergio** and **Lucy Amurao**, at The Farm, BF Resort, Las Piñas City. Rev. **Anacleto Villano Jr.** officiated.

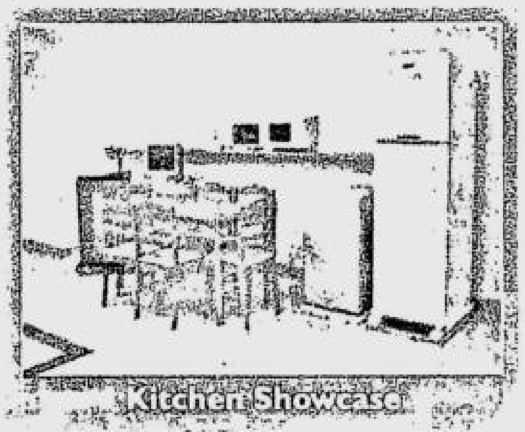
BAGUILAT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Lawyer **Nicasio Baguilat** and **Geronima de Leon-Baguilat** renewed their vows on their 50th wedding anniversary June 2 at the Coconut Palace, Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex, Pasay City. The entourage was composed of their children and grandchildren. Reception was held in the same venue.



UY-CHUA

Rachel Chua, daughter of **Catherine Co**, and **Bruce Uy**, son of **Mr. and Ms Ngo Yap**, will exchange vows on June 29 at the San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila. Reception will follow at the Grand Ballroom of the Century Park Hotel. The bride will wear a gown by **Roel Rosal** of Kasuotan.



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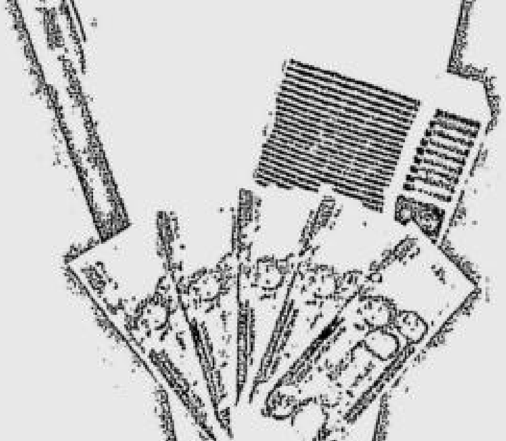

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Sunday LifeStyle

Will Loi do a Hillary?

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

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HOT off the press—Hillary Clinton's book, "Living History." It's one of the most-awaited books this summer, the First Lady-turned-senator's tell-all on her life, politics and what she thinks about the whole fellatio caper. Although I have not read the book, the buzz is strong that it will be one of the hottest books to read. How do I know that? Well, for one, **Sharon Stone** has been tapped to play Hillary in a TV movie.

The book has all the tell-tale contents of a bestseller/blockbuster: greed (think: Whitewater controversy), power and, most important, sex and scandal (think: **Paula Jones, Jennifer Flowers** and **Monica Lewinsky**).

Of course, the book charts Hillary's transformation from tragic heroine to US senator and—who knows?—a potential presidential candidate in 2008.

What's uncanny about all this is its resemblance to the life of former **President Erap** and **Senator Loi.** Will Loi ever write a tell-all? Well, only if she will ever need the money because, for sure, that would be a bestseller! Think about it: her thoughts on **Laarni, Guia,** the stewardess, et al.

Fall/Winter 2003 hot look: Satin dressing. Prepare to look hotter than ever with the return of satin as a major look for the latter part of this year. In the fall/winter collections, most of the heavy-hitting designers showed satin on the runway. It should be worn as separates with slim skirts or ruched dress. Colors are soft—from oyster, pink, brown and dove gray. The silhouette is sexy, slim and body-hugging. For evening, length should either be floor-skimming or very short.

How low can you go? Although we have seen this look, the trend still has to catch on for men. This time around it's lower than usual. The low, low-rise pants are worn way below the belt area to the hip line. Will it catch on? Perhaps not with Filipinos, who are known for being conservative. But if the craze catches on, here's a tip—wear cool underwear (think: Calvin's or Celio). Since I was a kid, I have always worn my shirt under my briefs and sometimes it's funny when I wear low-waist pants, my jocks, of course, stick out.

Thank God that's hip now and not a major point of embarrassment.

Spray it! Converts include **Halle Berry, Christina Aguilera, Shaquille O'Neal,** to name a few in this new and interesting fad. "Sprayology" is a health and beauty aid, an instant detoxification of sorts. What you do is, spritz it under your tongue, and a cocktail of vitamins and minerals will work wonders for your body. It also helps metabolism and strengthens your immune system. It

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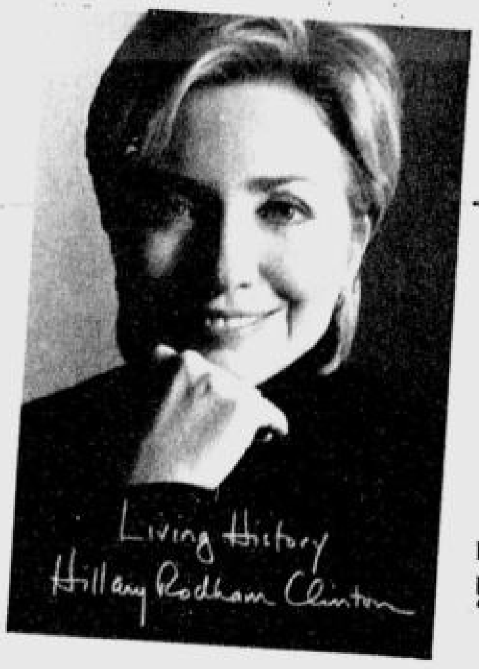

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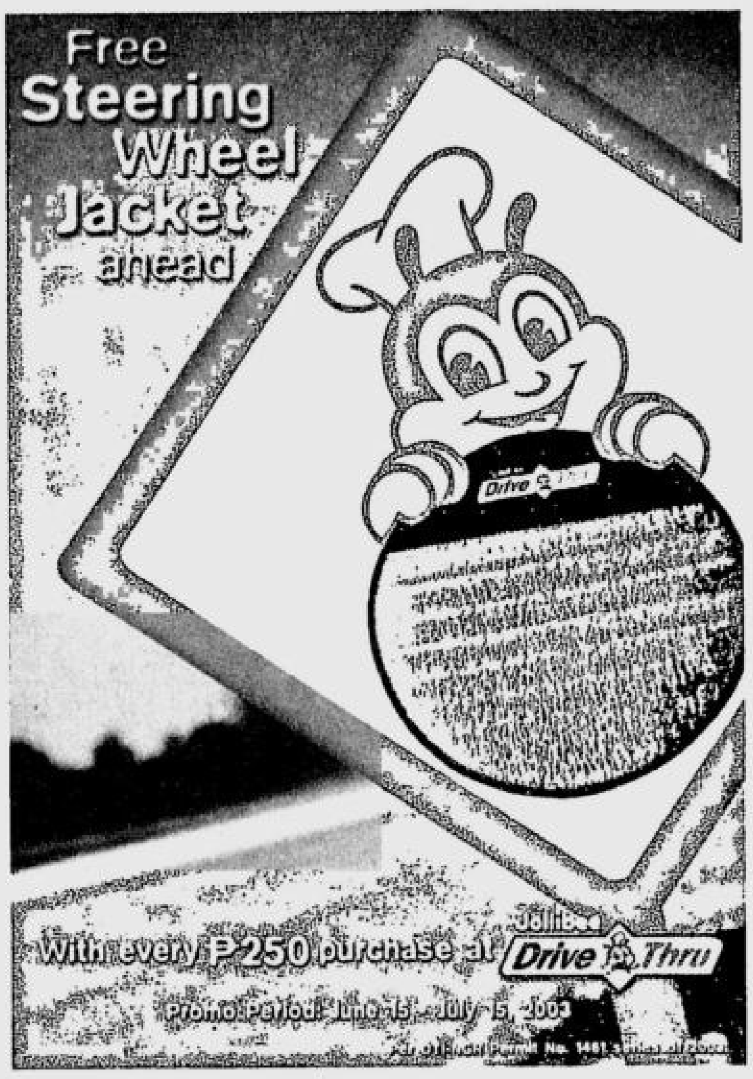

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Boosting Tourism with PLDT's Resort Solutions

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. threw a big party for resort owners recently to announce the availability of its information and communications technology (ICT) services in Boracay.

"Not many people think that ICT can actually help boost tourism. We want to let everybody know that ICT does have a significant role in tourism-related businesses," said PLDT Senior Vice President Alfredo S. Panlilio.

This was made possible through PLDT's partnership with Panay Telephone Corp. (Pantelco), which has a franchise on the island of Boracay for telecommunications services.

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Under the memorandum of agreement between PLDT and Pantelco, resort establishments in Boracay will be able to avail of data communications services such as IP VPN (Internet Protocol-Virtual Private Network), Internet access, and property management services to make operations much more efficient and profitable.

PLDT will provide the data solutions while Pantelco will provide the last-mile connections within Boracay and act as channel partner in that area where it has a franchise for local exchange services. Both companies will undertake joint marketing activities.

"We want to help resort owners in Boracay to realize the possible benefits of having these resort solutions," said PLDT Vice President and Head of Business Solutions Nerissa S. Ramos.

"As one of the growth drivers of the Philippine economy, the tourism industry could use a boost with the help of technological tools."

All of Boracay's more than 200 resort owners were invited for the contract signing of PLDT and Pantelco and the PLDT resort solutions technology show along the beachfront across the Boracay Regency Beach Resort.

TV personality Pia Guanio hosted the event and a local band entertained the guests with their renditions of some popular songs and upbeat music for dancing. A superb buffet dinner was also served.

Pantelco Vice President and General Manager Cedric M. Sazon said the event was a fitting celebration for the advent of these resort solutions in Boracay.

He also believed his company's partnership with PLDT in offering these resort solutions, which come under the PLDT Business Solutions brand, would eventually elevate the tourism industry in Boracay to a higher level.

"It is a welcome development for the resort owners of Boracay. Resort owners have long been looking for cost-effective solutions that will improve their efficiency and improve business," he said.

"We know how important timely dissemination of information is for these resort owners. We understand their need to communicate with their main offices in Manila or other offices nationwide in a cost-effective way."

In the 9.67 –square-kilometer island paradise, more than 200 resorts line up shores of pristine white sand. Pantelco has been serving most of these resorts with traditional voice services for 10 years.

Most of the resorts also use fax machines though a few use leased lines, which are relatively more expensive.

David Goldberg, co-owner of A Loja store and board member of Boracay Foundation Inc., said most resort owners in Boracay have data communications solutions that are too slow.

"It needs a lot of patience on the part of the resort owners. If ever, these resort solutions can help a lot because it would save them time and money in the long run," said Goldberg, who also maintains the website of Boracay Foundation Inc., an association of about 70 resorts in Boracay.

With PLDT's resort solutions now available on the island, not only PLDT, Pantelco, and resort owners in Boracay stand to gain, but also the Philippine tourism industry which has yet to tap the full potential of ICT tools.

PLDT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

> **"As one of the growth drivers of the Philippine economy, the tourism industry could use a boost with the help of technological tools."**

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Al Panlilio, *eagerly announces the raffle draw winners with* ***Cedric Sazon*** *and* ***Pia Guanio***

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Cedric Sazon, Pia Guanio *and* ***Al Panlilio*** *with the Male Category Best in Costume Winner,* ***Charles Gregory Hutchinson*** *of Sand Castles Beach Resort*

Enrico Agoncillo, *PLDT Bid and Channel Partner Mgt Sr Manager,* ***Jay Melasa,*** *Pantelco Account Manager,* ***Joey Limjap,*** *PLDT Corp Product Dev't & Demand Planning Sr Manager and* ***Cedric Sazon,*** *Pantelco Gen Manager with guest-host* ***Pia Guanio***

PLDT RESORT SOLUTIONS TECHNOLOGY SHOW
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An Ati-Atihan group toured the island resorts announcing the event

Hotel and Resort Owners, officers and guests listen to the Resort Solutions Technology Show

Will Loi do a Hillary?

FOR FALL/WINTER 2003, wear satin.

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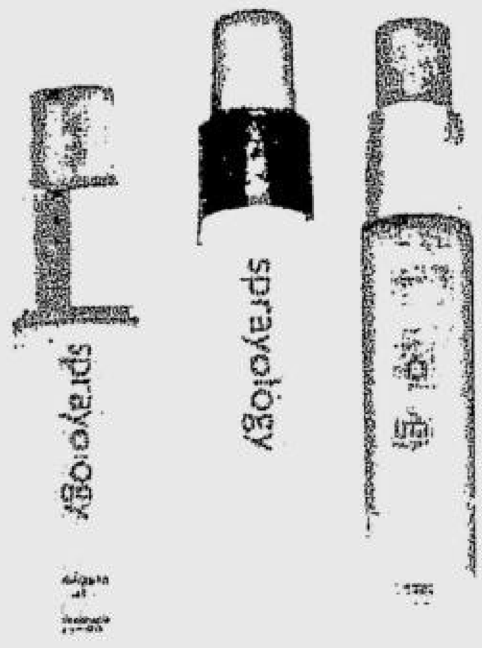
comes in different versions such as "Man Power" for testosterone infusion, "Diet Power" for weight-loss and "Stressless" to lessen worry lines. Available at the grooming bar in Lane Crawford (Source: Sunday Morning Post Magazine)

What were they thinking? The Miss Universe 2003 pageant shown on RPN 9 this month was probably the worst coverage ever. The candidates and the winners might have been truly deserving and beautiful, but the commercials were just blatantly excessive, thus shortchanging the viewers. When the special prizes such as Best Costume, Miss Photogenic, Miss Congeniality were awarded, news tickers came on screen to announce that the prizes were brought to the viewers by some local hair ad.

Talking about *kapal*. Am sure the international producers of the show never even heard of those products! Another show that is so filled with crap is that psychic guy on Studio 23. He is supposed to be able to contact the dead and thus give the living the heebie-jeebies. I mean, didn't they see that Steve Martin film "Leap of Faith"? Who watches these things anyway?



SPRITZ, SPRITZ! This new fad just might take off for all you health junkies out there!

TNT tidbits

Annie Lennox's "Bare." She has not had an album in 11 years, and her latest, "Bare," will be a big hit among her fans. "Bare" has original songs and showcases Lennox's lilting, emotional, chilly and formidable voice. The CD will be out soon.

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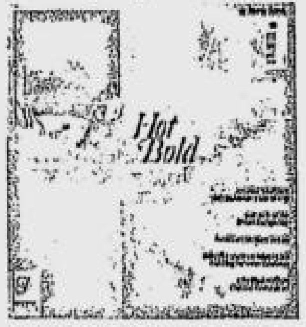

IT'S fresh, has a new look and is as hip as ever: Wallpaper magazine

Wallpaper—the magazine is back! When **Tyler Brule** (former editor and creator of Wallpaper magazine) left the company, the magazine went off the hip and must-have radar, for a lot of people. But with its new look and approach, the magazine is fresh again and will cater to chic urbanites and forecasters of style and design. It's the perfect niche title and would look great in your B&B-designed coffee table.

The non-smokers have won! Time to pop the bubbly, you non-smokers: the Makati powers-that-be have enforced the no-smoking policy in all areas in Makati. That should include bars and restaurants—will the owners follow suit? Knowing Pinoys, they won't, but at least the law has been passed and we can now enjoy our steak without the annoying stench of cigarettes. Cheers!

Stressed out! I have been on the fringes lately, with work, personal and family life, and with what's been happening to my good friend **Maurice Arcache**. I won't use this precious space to comment on the whole proceedings about the latter, but will just say this to Maurice: Everything happens for a reason. And when one door is closed, many windows and opportunities are opened. Hang in there, you have lots of friends who love and support you!

Now back to my stress. Everyone is not exempt from stress, but I realized it does not go hand-in-hand with a hypochondriac like me, because whenever I feel my heart thump, I think I am getting a heart attack. I have tried many methods like breathing deeply, meditation, exercise, etc., but I have found one sure way to combat stress, and that's prayer and learning to forgive.

Have a great Sunday. Happy Father's Day to my dad and to all fathers reading this!

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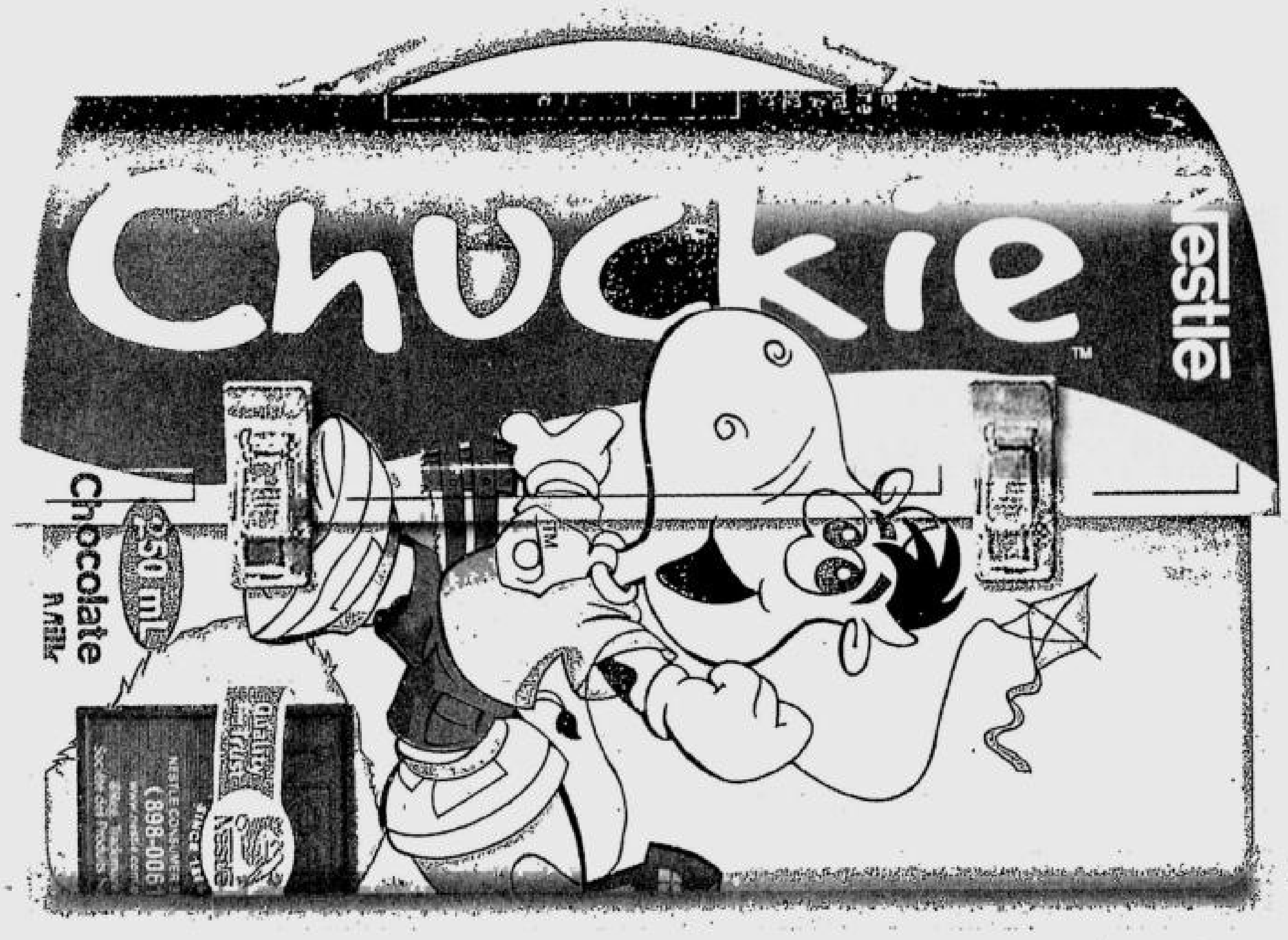

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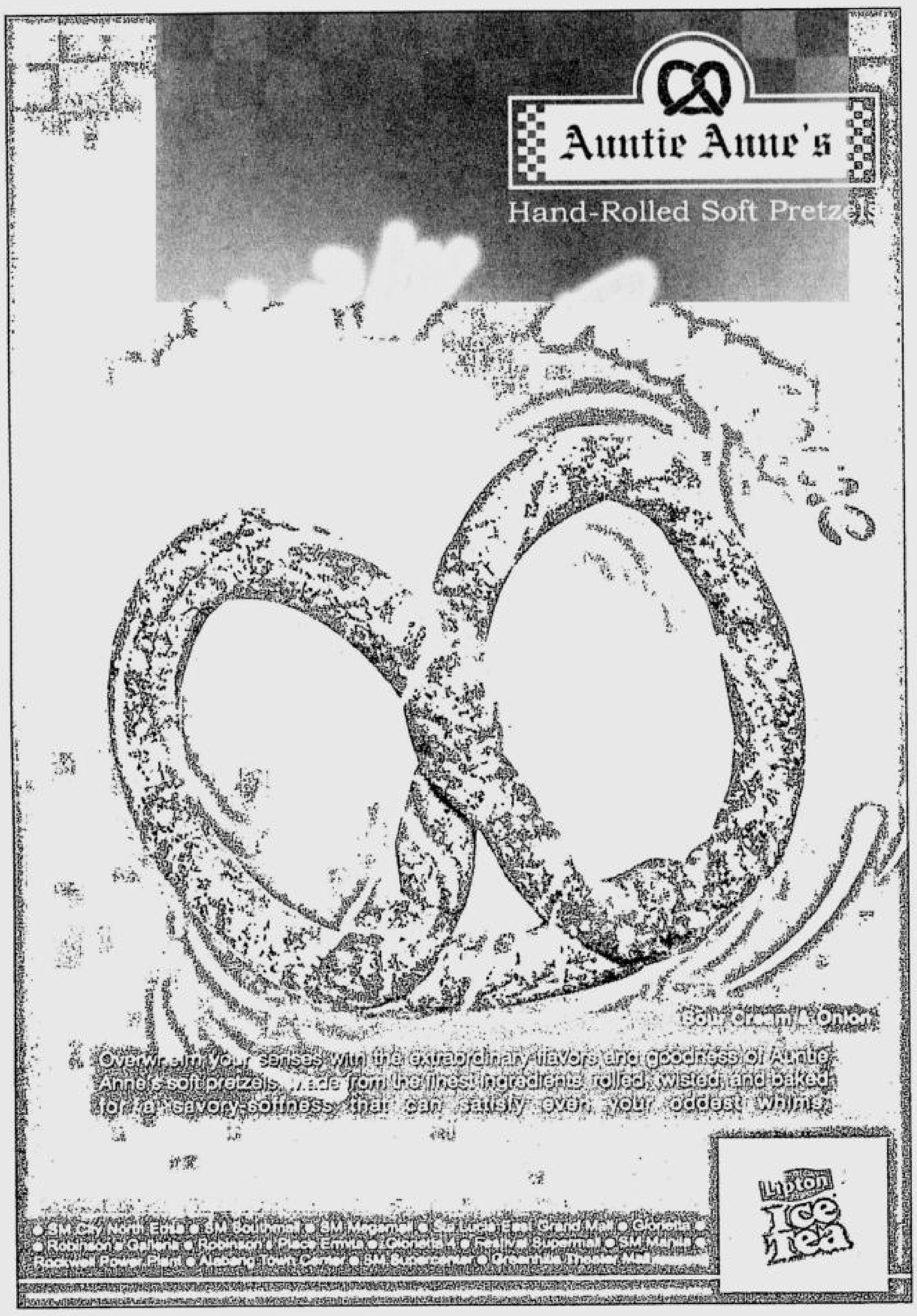
DONATION

Greenhills Shopping Center has made a contribution to the Mowelfund, which marked its 29th anniversary. The foundation helps workers in the Philippine movie industry. The contribution was handed to actress and Mowelfund executive director, Boots Anson-Roa (3rd from left), and Mowelfund comptroller Julius Topacio. Shown are (from left) Greenhills Shopping Center's marketing and special leasing manager Carlotta Soller and general manager Joey Santos.



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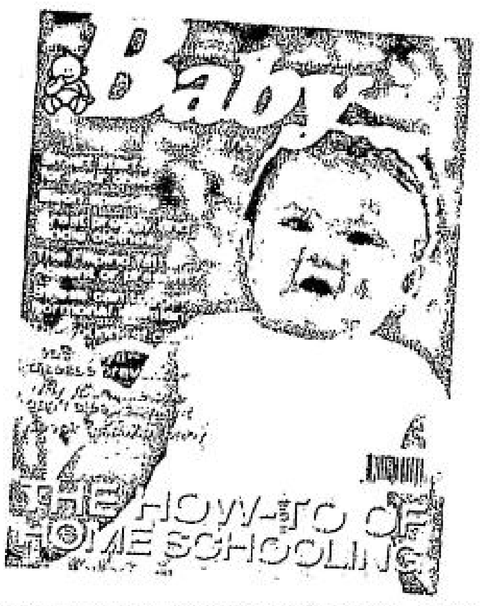

THE LATEST issue of Baby Magazine features a number of articles addressing back-to-school issues, among them:

- Advice on home schooling, which can serve as an alternative to parents who have the time and the patience to teach their children personally.
- Different ways to jazz up the kids' *baon* to make sure they bring home empty lunchboxes and not leftovers.

Other interesting articles cover tips from columnist Dr. Pangilinan-Simpao on how to train *yayas* on disease prevention, and some infant exercise pointers from childbirth educator Rome Kanapi.

Dr. Rebecca Singson-Zahar also discusses peri- (or early) menopause and certain foods that contain hormone-affecting steroids, while neonatologist Cynthia Santos Ocampo-Padilla talks about the value of knowing the mother's health checklist to better care for the baby.

Baby Magazine also features several fashion pages, recipes and food tips, and a gallery of baby pictures.

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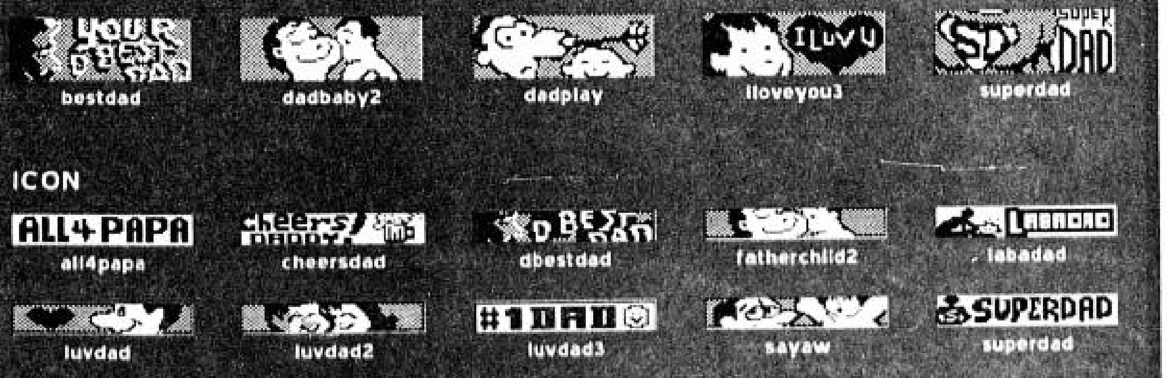

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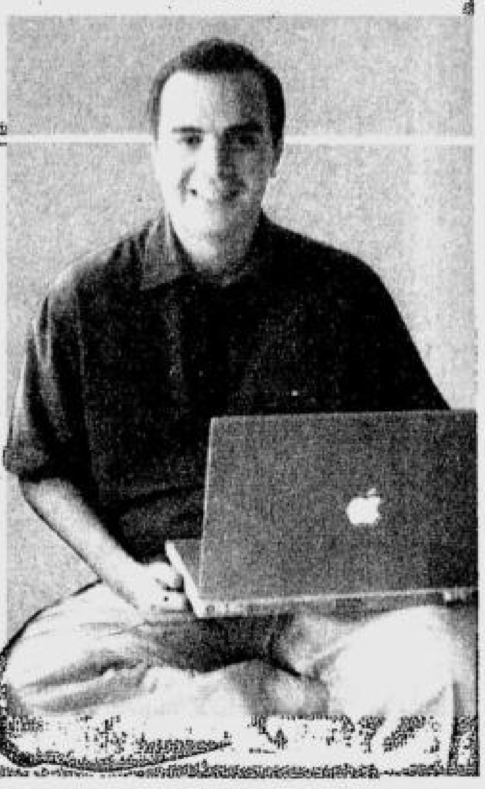

Are you digital yet?

By David Celdran

ADMIT it. We hate geeks. They annoy us with their silly gadgets, their techie jargon and their nerds-will-inherit-the-earth smugness. Truth is, they irritate us because they expose our ignorance. They threaten us because they reveal our fear of being left behind. In a world increasingly dependent on digital technology for communication, commerce, even civic life. Being digital is no longer an option—it's how we survive.

So wake up! The digital revolution is here and it's changing what we do in public and what we experience in private. As the discovery of the printing press, the clock or the automobile tells us, technology has been and continues to be the driving force of history. Information and digital communication technology transforms the nature of work and capital, and creates a new culture that spins life as we know it on its head.

You can't run away from it. Digital technology is inescapable because it's what we use to connect to real and virtual worlds. Ours is a networked society, wired through digital chips that communicate across the ether, where our concepts of distance, time and space are continuously being redefined by even the most basic of applications such as text messaging.

Skeptics warn that our dependence on virtuality endangers community and disconnects us from reality. They predict the fading away of intimacy and the breakdown of civil society. But our experience with technology shows that it can also bring us closer. From mothers and daughters oceans and generations apart to Filipinos across classes, interactive technologies like SMS and e-mail bridge distance and accelerate our sense of time, giving us uniquely Pinoy phenomena like textmates and Edsa 2.

Pessimists point to the digital divide that widens between the few with access to the network and the rest who don't. But they fail to mention how the same technology also brings information to remote villagers and market opportunities to poor farmers.

Technology can both empower and enslave us. Machines like mobile phones and computers simplify routines, but they create new and more complex ones as well. Today's humans are victims of hyper-accelerated lifestyles: hooked on speed and addicted to novelty—and increasingly trapped by the high cost of content and connectivity.

The disruptive effects of change bring both threat and promise. The pinpoint accuracy of smart bombs shows us the destructive face of digital technology. But, as the kids featured in the Unicef's Kabataan news project show us, technology can also be harnessed to create and improve our world for children.

Inevitably, digital technology will bring us artificial intelligence, and with it, a "Matrix"-inspired fear of a soul-less existence dominated by machines. But history teaches us that humans can and more often do control technology; we take what we need and discard what we don't. Today's amazing do-it-all phones contain more computing muscle than Apollo 11 had on its mission to the moon, and yet, the only technology most of us require for now is that which powers the national pastime of texting.

This special section on digital living aims to cut through the geek-speak and tech-industry hype by providing a real-world glimpse of these fast-changing times with mostly personal accounts and how-to guides from young technology entrepreneurs. Consider this a digital survival kit, a sampler of information on the trends, the tools and the attitude to help us wade through the digital deluge we confront every day. Because digital technology is not just for geeks; it's for the rest of us, too.

David Celdran, founder of Red Balloon Digital Entertainment, is news anchor and current affairs director of ANC.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

From grain to pixels: An insider's guide

By Albert Labrador
Commercial photographer

I'VE BEEN a professional photographer for 10 years, and I've always been a klutz with negatives.

I could never seem to find a way to get them organized or keep them as clean as they really ought to be. Because of this, I lived in constant fear of the great screw-up, such as misplacing an important negative sheet, and the constant threat of fungus and moisture ruining my precious photos.

Two years ago, I found the solution to my filing and organizing problems: I borrowed my cousin's point-and-shoot digital camera and that was the beginning of the end of film for me.

Here are other reasons why I, along with millions of others all over the world, have dumped film and switched to digital:

Instant gratification!

This has got to be the best thing about any digital camera. You get to see the shot you took on the camera's LCD screen and know immediately if you got it right. No more guessing and no more missed opportunities.

You won't run out of film—ever

Well, not really. It depends on the size of the memory card you buy, but at basic resolutions, the typical digital camera will give you far more than the 36-shot-per-roll limit of a traditional camera.

Besides, you can always dump the shots you don't like and make room for more. No seconds lost over changing rolls either.

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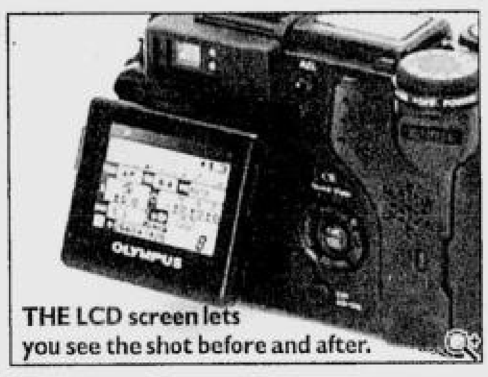
Share your pics over the Web

The Web has become the new universal photo album, with hundreds of sites where people post and upload their photos for the world to see.

Your relatives on the other side of the world will no longer have to wait for pics of your first baby now that you can have them up in no time with your digicam.


THE LCD screen lets you see the shot before and after.

Control

How often has it happened that you were very sure you captured the life, emotion and color of a moment, only to receive a grainy and washed-out print that hardly met your expectations?

By using a digital camera, you take the process of adjusting colors, saturation and contrast out of the hands of some guy behind the counter.

Instead, you get to set the look of your shot even before it gets to the lab. All they do is print it as is. Software for making these adjustments usually come bundled with digital cameras. You can download others free over the web.

The digital tool kit

Convinced already? But before you rush off and purchase that little picture-taking wonder, here's a guide to putting together your first digital camera tool kit.

1. The camera

The first question to ask is how large your pictures will be. This is addressed by the resolution of the camera you buy. The higher the resolution, the higher the level of detail your camera will produce, and therefore the higher the resolution, the bigger you can print. However, larger files take up more space on your camera's memory card and your computer.

If you just need a camera for website or e-mail use, a 1-megapixel model will suffice. These usually are simple point-and-shoot cameras that don't offer much in the way of settings or adjustments. In a pinch, a 1-megapixel camera will print a decent 3x5.

A 2-megapixel camera can provide you with image quality enough for good 5x7 prints, but a 3- or 4-megapixel unit will provide you with much more versatility and will give you decent prints up to 8x12.

A DIGITAL "point and shoot" with memory cards

A PRO's digital gear

These days, 5-megapixel cameras are becoming quite common but are still rather expensive. These will give you the best image quality in the point-and-shoot class of cameras.

The next consideration is how much creative control you want to exercise over the final result. The basic entry-level point-and-shoot merely records images, automatically leaving all the settings to the camera's tiny computer brain.

Avid photographers should consider cameras with automatic as well as manual modes to tweak exposure and depth of field, as well as shutter speed to freeze or blur subjects. Cameras with these options are often called "prosumer" cameras, as they represent the middle road in the performance and price range.

2. Memory cards and storage

Once you have decided on the camera to get, the next consideration is storage.

Memory cards are little electronic chips that hold the files you capture with the digital camera. There is currently a myriad of memory cards available for digital cameras, ranging from 4MB to 4Gigabytes (!).

Digital cameras usually come with cards that are far too tiny for the resolution of the cameras they come with. The major consideration in buying memory cards is of course compatibility with your camera. But it's also a good idea to consider what other items you have in your digital arsenal (PDA, MP3 player) and get a camera compatible with their memory cards. That way, you can switch and save on additional cards.

3. Batteries

Batteries are another important thing to consider. The LCDs on digicams eat an enormous amount of power, and digicam users relying on ordinary alkalines will find themselves buying huge numbers of disposable batteries.

Many cameras come with proprietary rechargeable batteries. The downside is that, if you run out of juice with one of these batteries and have no access to current for a recharge, that's the end of your shoot.

4. Computers

Computers are no longer a necessity for digital camera owners, as digital capable labs can now print directly from your digicam's memory card.

However, a computer will do much to maximize the value of your digicam. It will allow you to store, modify, crop, adjust, correct, send and catalog the photos you take.

Most new PCs these days have more than adequate processing power to handle all but the largest camera file. Just make sure that your PC or laptop is compatible with the cables supplied on your camera, or at least buy a memory card reader compatible with your camera's cards. Almost all digital cameras use USB cables, with firewire usually only an option on high-end professional systems.

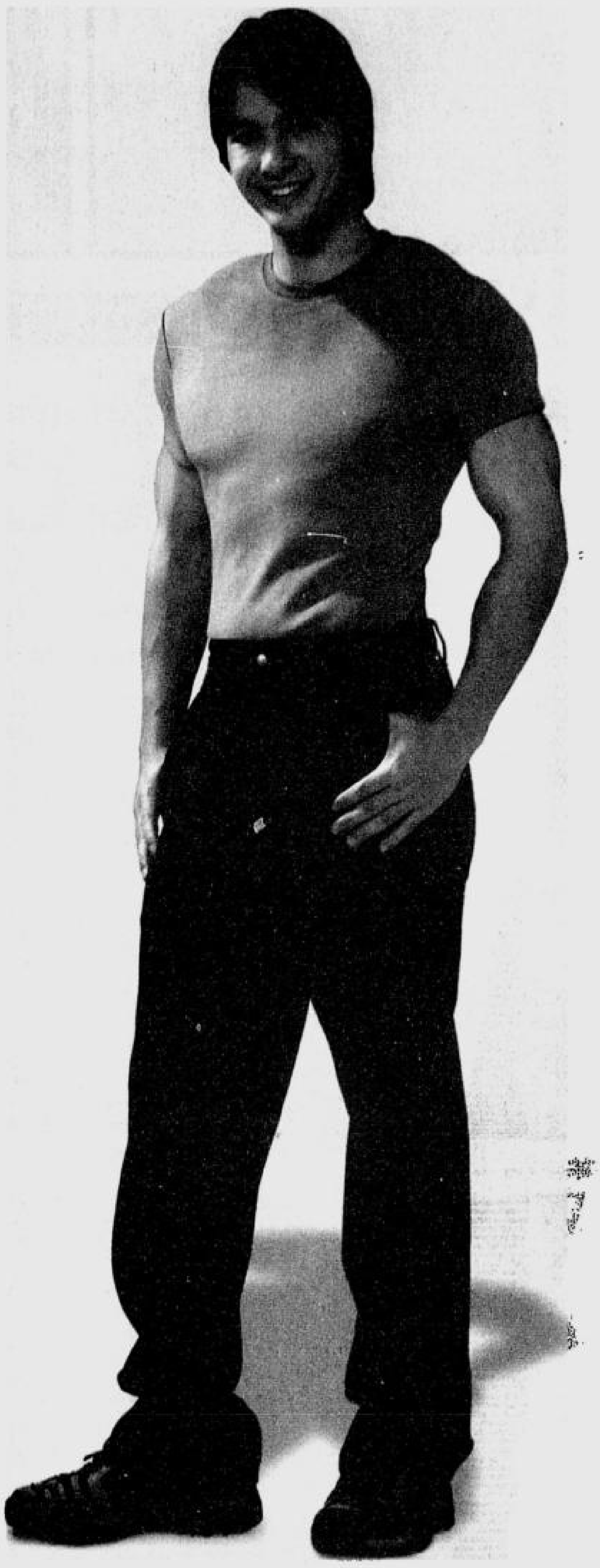
Finally, before making your purchase, take time to read reviews or speak to someone who has used the camera you are considering.

A good online source of reviews is www.dpreview.com, but there are many more sources on the Internet. These web sites offer reviews on just about every digital camera on the market, plus discussion groups covering every brand and make of digital camera.

Before digital photography, I used to be the only one to bring a camera to my wife's family events. Today, my mother-in-law and several aunts and uncles are never without their digicams, happily snapping away like there is no tomorrow.

And why not? As soon as they get home, they send the day's photos to their various relatives and friends all over the world to share the good time they just had. Now that's as good a reason as any to switch to digital.

Albert Labrador is a professional commercial and wedding photographer. He shoots entirely on digital today.



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DIGITAL TRENDS

The next years

Watch out for virtual keyboards, downloaded movies, and the Aerotropolis

The Internet

We will see the rise of pay-for-content sites as improved digital rights management software and improved legal enforcement force pirated content sites out. Content may become more expensive relative to today's kaazaa-like free content. So the Net's extinction isn't really an issue—the more probable question is whether it will be predominantly fixed-line based or wireless. **—Carlo Katigbak, managing director, ABS-CBN Interactive**

Personal computers

[They] will include paper-thin and very flexible touch screen displays, reliable voice and virtual keyboard—a keyboard projected on a surface that a user taps on. It must also have very long battery life. It will be a wireless device that communicates with other devices including servers that store the user's data. This device will be wearable and affordable.**—Dr. Jay Sabido, director, Advanced Science Technology Institute**

New media

With bigger pipes, people can, for example, view trailers immediately and download a full-length movie in 10 seconds in portable devices like memory sticks, which you plug into monitors to watch. CDs, as we know them now, will look humongous versus the way entertainment will be packaged. Think SIM cards.**—Greg Garcia, Partner, Liquid Air**

Wired cities

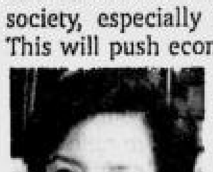
International gateway airports driven by greater technology will be as important to urban development in the 21st century as autos, buses and trucks were in the 20th century, trains and railways in the 19th century, and ports, rivers, and water-borne transport in the 18th. The cities of the 21st century will develop around transportation facilities that serve people and cargo, leading to a new aviation-linked urban form: the Aerotropolis.**—Architect Jun Palafox, managing partner, Palafox Associates**

Politics and society

SMS and e-mail will increase connectivity but will also foster an anonymous and even impersonal type of relationship. And while digital technology may have an empowering effect, it will not cause the disintegration of the class system. In fact, the new structure of wired and unwired will only reflect the basic inequities of society. If we put all our hopes in a digital future, we will only find ourselves real slaves in a real world.**—Renato Constantino Jr., publisher and political activist**

On business and commerce

Digital technology will provide more efficient and much faster delivery of services to consumers and end users, effective corporate governance and more importantly, provide service delivery and information access to all sectors of the society, especially in the countryside. This will push economic growth, countryside development and alleviation of poverty. It will definitely solve the digital divide. **—Cynthia Mamon, CEO, Sun Microsystems Philippines**



Divining the digital future...

DIGITAL icon and Globe Telecom CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala predicts how digital technology will revolutionize communications, entertainment and leisure in the next 10 years.

What will digital gadgets look like over the next decade?

In the future, what we see today as disparate devices such as PDAs, mobile phone, camera, even a wallet, will converge into a single personal device with all the functionality of today's devices. You may call it a personal communication device that uniquely identifies an individual, and the individual can perform day-to-day activities through this single device. Today's entertainment devices such as video cameras, radios, TVs and game consoles, will likewise converge into a single personal entertainment device.

Convergence and personalization are the key words in describing the adventure yet to be

All these devices will be much smaller than we can imagine, but may also be modular and at times even invisible, with information or entertainment passed wirelessly through devices or modules.

How will access to information and entertainment change?

In the future, access to communication is open to everyone, with a range of devices with various functionalities depending on what the consumer wants.

People may get headline news through wristwatch-size devices. At home, when people wake up, intelligent and automated agents will put together a person's own TV show based on a person's likes, for example, or focusing on last night's US financial markets news and entertainment news. News will be personalized in the form of a "My Morning Show" that the consumer will see seamlessly at home or as he/she drives to work.

Movies will be in demand.

What about shopping, will that experience change as well?

As a person walks through a "mall," personal devices will give information on the latest products, and consumers will buy through the "wallet" that is embedded in their personal communication devices. "Shopping," in the sense of a person experiencing products and services, selecting what he or she wants and paying for them based on their value, will be transformed completely. People will purchase based on a personal communication device that authenticates who they are and mediates the transfer of money from the person to the seller. The payment gateway takes the role that credit card interchange systems perform today.

What kind of content can we expect to receive from these future communication devices?

In 10 years, people will consider content to be pure multimedia programs, whether delivering personalized news and entertainment, or information for transacting business, or shopping. Content will be pushed to the consumer or sought by the consumer, and personalization agents will put elements of the content together. The key word here is personalization, where the substance, presentation and device of the information will be determined by consumer preference.

What will replace texting?

Full video and incorporation of many elements into multimedia. When you want information about a car you see on the street, intelligent agents will gather the information from the network and present the relevant items to you, mediated through natural language requests, through new access media.

A simple conversation will be done through small communication devices in full video. Long distance as a concept will disappear; instead, people will be able to communicate with neighbors or others halfway around the world seamlessly, without having to be conscious of whether it is long distance or not. We will truly have the "death of distance."

So what's the next "killer application?" The next big thing?

Interestingly, if today the killer application is messaging, I believe that tomorrow's killer app is also messaging, albeit in a form we may not recognize today. Rather than person-to-person text messages or SMS, messaging will take the form of live video or multimedia, transforming how we collect or interpret information (which today comes from radio, TV, newspapers and magazines). "Messaging" is the closest term for all the elements involved in personal communications as well as the information that a human collects, stores and interprets on any given day. It will be highly personalized.

While we wait for these personal communication devices to hit the shelves some day, what's your favorite digital gadget right now?

My Palm Tungsten Wireless for e-mail and communication and my Apple iPOD for music and audio books.

Interview by ANC Business Nightly anchor Nancy Irlanda

...and remembering the ma

By Dave Drilon
Executive Director, K2

IN THE ANNALS of cultural history, the '80s will always be remembered with a mixture of fondness and embarrassment.

Aside from perpetuating black as a fashion movement and ushering in the dark ages of hairstyling, it also influenced a generation of impressionable Filipino youth into singing pop songs with faux British accents.

Technology history, however, is more forgiving.

From tech's point of view, the '80s was a decade-long revolution that introduced more innovations into ordinary life than had ever been thought possible, thanks for the most part to the mushrooming PC industry in the US and the consumer microelectronics blitz led by Japan Incorporated.

Joystick joys

The revolutionary Atari VCS captured Manila in the early '80s on the strength of Space Invaders and Pac-Man, which were both worldwide hits.

The console came with a poky 1.19 MHz processor, 128 bytes of RAM, primitive graphics and games that rarely broke the 12K barrier—roughly the same crunching power as today's top-of-the-line microwave oven.

Unavailable locally, most gamers imported their Atari units from the US for the princely sum of $200, or roughly P2,500 at that time. Despite competition from arcades and more advanced offerings from Mattel's Intellivision and Coleco's innovative Colecovision, Atari dominated the local scene until the company's untimely demise in the mid-'80s.

Technology has irrevocably changed our ideas about personal entertainment

The console crown was inherited by an unlikely contender, Nintendo, which had scored big in Asia with its popular Game-and-Watch pocket-gaming devices.

Mario Brothers and the Family Computer captured the imaginations of kids all over Asia and heralded the arrival of inexpensive clone consoles in Manila and cartridge piracy on a massive scale. Cheap gaming was finally available to the masses, and Mario became a pop icon recognized from Aparri to Jolo.

The local market would soon graduate to higher-end platforms equipped with slicker graphics and better sound like the Sega Genesis, the Nintendo 64, the Sony Playstation, and CD-ROM equipped personal computers.

To the '80s generation, however, Atari and Nintendo will always remain as indelible reminders of how adequate graphics and bleepy sound effects can go a long way with just a little imagination.

Gaming consoles, however, were only half the story. The information age was well underway in the '80s, and an even bigger revolution was taking place in Silicon Valley that would dramatically change the world.

Computers get personal

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Quoted in 1977, Ken Olson, the chair of DEC, would regret saying those words.

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Stop texting and read this

By Carlos Celdran
Artist and conservationist

I AM my cell phone. Yes. I have become the permanent inhabitant of a Nokia 3310.

I'm not sure exactly how or when it happened, but one day I awoke to find that I had been royally copulated by my affinity for communication technology. I realized that my life had become completely and utterly dependent on the services of my cell phone.

Tragic but true. And however meager my phone's demeanor may seem, this blue 30 oz piece of Finnish technology, roughly the size of a maxi-pad, has taken over a very, very large portion of my life.

My cell phone now accompanies me all day everywhere I go. Also, not only is it the last thing I tend to before going to bed, but it is also the very first object I see when I get up in the morning—thanks to its built-in alarm clock.

It has been with me through the many milestones of my recent life as well. I heard about the births and deaths of many relatives and friends via cell, and even learned earth-shattering news like the Bali bombing and the Kris Aquino-Joey Marquez *kachipahan* by just answering its trilling tones.

It is apparent that my cell phone has become more than a part of my life—it has become my life.

But since I live in a city where public phones are as unsightly as they are out of sight, it's easy to see how this could have happened to me.

My cell provides the privilege of instant hygienic communication gratification for just P6+ per minute or P1 per 153 character text while keeping me in constant possible communication with other members of my very, very small world. Moreover, this hand-held wonder also once helped me find assistance when my car broke down, provided a level of anonymity when I had to suddenly cancel a meeting or confess a missed deadline, it paid my bills, entertained me with cheap jokes, and heck, it once actually helped me overthrow a president of whom I wasn't particularly fond.

Like a patron saint, it's always nearby and ready to take my requests. It has become my guardian, my companion, my personal assistant, and Golem. I am as lost as a Makati *colegiala* in Quiapo without it. Where I lay my cell is truly my home.

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Scary but true

This is a scary thing to admit, but, sadly, it's as true as the mole on GMA's face. I'm sure this situation does not apply to only yours truly, but to many of you communicaholics out there reading this. (I'm also pretty sure some of you cell snobs have judged me by my phone—it's an old model I know, but I like it—I never ever judge the cellphone by its cover).

And inasmuch as we would all like to think otherwise, in this brave new post-floppy disk world, we are all evaluated by the way we use communication technology, whether it be texted, e-mailed, handwritten or faxed from a Palm Pilot. You truly are your ringtone, or your e-mail name for that matter.

Personally, I'm a stickler when it comes to phone and e-mail ethics. I only send out SMS in full words and complete sentences via predictive text (it's only proper—wrtng lyk ths can b so irrtatng), I never write my e-mails in full caps (LEST I SEEM LIKE I'M SCREAMING), and I make sure that I turn off my ringer whenever I'm in the theater or in a restaurant. It's really the only considerate thing to do when publicly dealing with something that has become so pervasive in society.

I truly believe that the sight of some annoying wench yakking away on her candy-striped cell phone with the Tweety bird signal finder is nowhere near as annoying as actually being forced to listen to her. After all, if we are going to be royally screwed by the trappings of this thing called communication technology, we all should at least try to do it properly.

Confessions of a digital slave

By Gabe Mercado
Comedian

I AM not a gadget junkie.

I am not a techie.

I just have a healthy appreciation for technology.

I was 10 years old when I first began frequenting the dark and dingy back alleys of Virra Mall. That was long before the video pirates took over. Betamax was the hottest thing back then, together with Cyndi Lauper, leg warmers, Tom Babauta and the Apple II clone. And that last fact was the reason I climbed three flights of stairs almost every weekend to a rather cheekily named computer store called Star Apple. I never ran out of reasons to go there.

One week I would buy a memory expansion card to boost my CPU's memory from 48kb to a whopping 64kb (for the record, my phone's SIM card now has eight times more memory).

Another week I would buy an 80-column card so I could run Wordstar and finally get to use the computer for schoolwork like my father originally intended. Once I actually succeeded in convincing my father that using the television as the computer's monitor would do irreparable damage to it and so he promptly bought me a spanking new Super 5 amber monitor.

I outgrew my Apple clone a few years later. It soon went the same way as the others before it—the Speak N Spell, the Speak N Math, the Speak N Read and the Atari. But I never outgrew my love for gadgets. And I came face to face with the extent of my gadget addiction when my computer crashed the other day.

Surprisingly I was far from devastated. After all, my contacts and calendar were synched to my Sony Ericsson P800. Most of my important files were on my IBM DiskonKey USB flash disk and my digital photos (like the ones taken underwater with my Canon S40 as dry as a bone in its WP-DC300 waterproof case) had backups on CD-RW discs. Restoring the system files and drivers wouldn't be too much of a problem either. I could easily take a few files from my backup Athlon desktop and put them either on my Compact Flash memory card or my Memory Stick using my Iwill 6-in-1 memory card reader. Or I could transfer them peer-to-peer through my house's imbedded LAN cables. I wouldn't even miss gaming too much.

My wife, who subscribes to the rather inane school of thought that holds computer games responsible for any computer slowdown (as well as any lack of spousal affection), is oblivious to the fact that one partition in her own PC contains NBA LIVE 2003. I would, however, miss the live NBA stats and audio commentary beamed real time through my DSL connection and not 10 minutes late like everyone else who watches it on television.

Worn, unused and forgotten gadgets stare at me accusingly

I am writing this article on my wife's iBook which I gave to her as a gift on her last birthday (I just happen to use it more often than her at the moment). Somehow, inspiration just didn't flow when I tried to write it on my Hewlett-Packard Jornada 548 Pocket PC and its Targus Stowaway Keyboard. It would have also been a problem e-mailing it since I hadn't used my Psion 56K Infrared modem for some time. I would have had to print it on the portable Canon BJC-85 infrared printer, which had just run out of ink six months ago when I last used it.

I am not a gadget junkie.

I am not a techie.

I just have a healthy appreciation for technology.

Inside my closet, the old worn out carcasses of my Psion Sienna, Series 5mx and Nokia 7110 stare at me accusingly from the dark.

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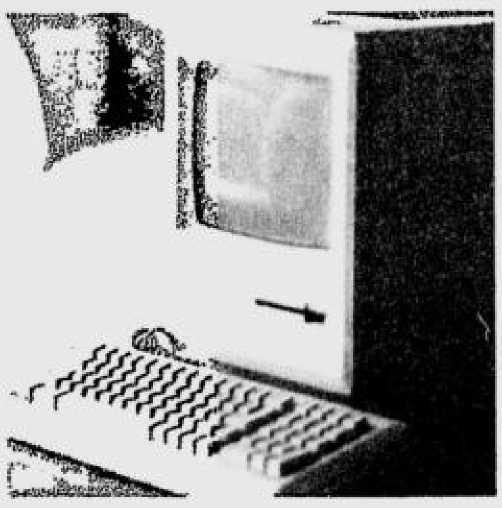


Suddenly, state-of-the-art XT (4.77 MHz 8086) and AT (6.0 MHz 286) clones equipped with monochrome monitors, 640KB of RAM, and 20 MB hard drives were *de rigueur* for self-respecting businesses willing to pay P35,000-plus price tags.

The trade-off? Atrocious graphics, retarded sound capabilities, and a user interface that bordered on the politically incorrect.

Apple's answer was the $10,000 Lisa, which eventually evolved into the first 128K Macintosh, which was everything an Intel PC was not—sleek, friendly, media-savvy, and oh-so-cool.

Still, the lack of software, Apple's proprietary hardware platform, and a steep price tag doomed the Mac to the sidelines.

Not surprisingly, the platform that would eventually dominate the local computer industry was Intel's venerable 386 line partnered with Microsoft Windows.

By that time, Microsoft had become a household word and Bill Gates an icon of geek success, driving around in a Porsche 911.

Success notwithstanding, PC tech wasn't nearly as cool in the '80s as it was in the '90s. In those days, ordinary Filipinos didn't venerate Microsoft, Apple, or IBM—they worshipped at the altar of Sony.

Age of entertainment

In the '80s, tape was king.

Sony hit the ground running with the Walkman, a portable cassette player with earphones that was considered a work of practical genius since it redefined our personal entertainment space.

It followed this up with the Watchman, a portable TV with a 2x2.5-inch screen and a clunky antenna that you had to constantly twist around to get a decent picture. The Walkman eventually evolved into the CD-playing Discman, and the Watchman (thankfully) died a natural death.

The other tape phenomenon, of course, was Betamax.

The frenzy that gripped Manila when VCRs went mainstream was, in a word, astonishing. It changed our TV habits forever and created a rental industry that survives to this day.

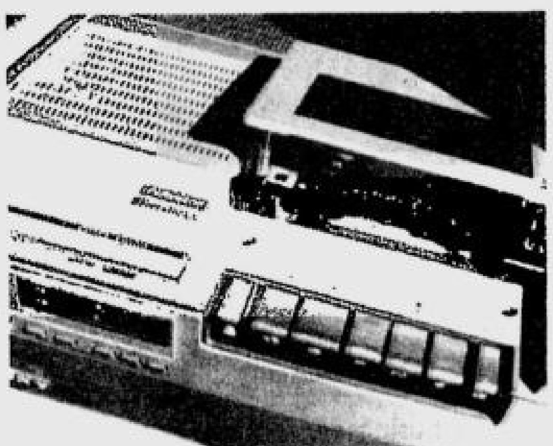
Suddenly you could record everything and watch anything, so we became slaves to the life and times of the Channing family in "Falcon Crest," witnesses to the war that divided America's North and South, and willing observers to the alien plots of the visitors to take over the Earth.

The VCR fad was eventually complemented by the introduction of the first video camcorders, clunky devices that included Sony's Betamovie (which came without a viewfinder and the ability to playback video) and the equally unwieldy rival, VHS cameras.

Never before had there been so much creative control in the hands of ordinary consumers—and never before had that control been so tastelessly abused.

By 1989, VHS had finally eclipsed Betamax in most parts of the world (the Philippines not included), and CDs began replacing vinyl on store shelves.

Soon, the early '90s would herald the coming of even more astounding innovations like the Laserdisc, interactive CD-ROM entertainment for computers, Hi-8 camcorders and the first digital cameras.



Technology has irrevocably changed our ideas about personal entertainment. The '80s permanently made personal technology a part of our everyday lives.

So the next time you watch a DVD, tap out e-mail on your notebook, zone out with an MP3 player, boot up your Xbox, or take video footage using your cell phone, always remember that many of these were built with ideas that were dreamed up during the '80s.

It may not have been a very fashionable decade, but in its own way, it was certainly one of the more enlightened ones.

Top picks for road warriors

By Anna M. Coronel
Digital entertainment producer

WHY be stuck in the office when you can roam free in the digital world?

These days, you can stay productive even out on the field. Write a summary report while waiting for your plane to arrive. Send the revised script to a colleague via email without leaving the coffee shop you're in. Fax your boss in Singapore from just about anywhere.

All you need is the right mobile gizmo to do the job.

So roam, all ye road warriors! Ditch the desk. Think out of the boxed cubicle. And step into this wonderful wireless world. Just don't forget your ever-handy on-the-go gear.

Not quite sure what's out there? Well, here's a list of my top picks for your mobile lifestyle.

Ditch the desk with these portable digital finds

Notebook PC

Fujitsu Lifebook P2120

Looking around in gadget shops, you're sure to notice the mega-tiny laptops from Fujitsu. The next question you will ask is, how does this little baby measure up to its regular-sized counterparts?

The Fujitsu Lifebook P2120 has been dubbed the world's smallest, full-featured notebook. Weighing only 3.4 pounds, it can easily slip into your workbag, with a lot of room for folders, project folios and even the day's lunch.

Though it may look like an oversized PDA with a keyboard, this ultraportable gadget has a few special tricks up its digital sleeve, like its internal swappable bay where you can slide in a DVD/CD-RW drive, a floppy disk drive or an extra battery, depending on your needs.

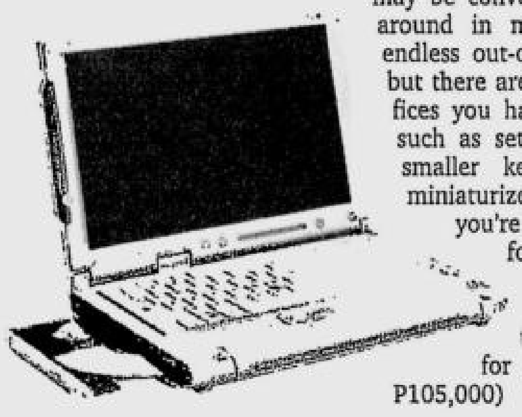
With this functional feature, this tiny device gives you a few giant bonuses. You now have a portable DVD player where you can play back project presentations or DVD discs at any time. You can also burn large files onto CDs right after a big brainstorm meet.

Expecting super-high performance for all your power tasks? Well, you're better off with a desktop, or a slightly bigger notebook. This ultraportable comes with a Transmeta Crusoe CPU, which is decent enough for your daily applications.

What it lacks in turbo performance, the CPU makes up for with battery life. The Crusoe is the least power-hungry processor there is, so your batteries are sure to last a bit longer than usual on the road.

The Lifebook P2120 has the standard features one expects from a notebook—firewire-ready, integrated WiFi for wireless connectivity and a slew of software useful at work and at play.

All these are packed into a small digital wonder. The big plus its size offers can also be its major downfall. The P2120 may be convenient to lug around in meetings and endless out-of-town trips, but there are a few sacrifices you have to make, such as settling for the smaller keyboard and miniaturized screen. If you're willing to forego these details, then an ultraportable is for you. (Price: P105,000)



Portable entertainment center

All-new Ipod

Apple's Ipod is one rocking digital gadget that allows you to take your music with you wherever you go.

Other important files, like calendar and address book, are not to be left behind either. It's a 30GB hard drive waiting to be filled up.

Storing up to 7,500 songs, this portable music player comes in a new super slim design that's lighter than two compact discs.

Aside from being compatible with popular audio formats, it's also the only digital player supporting the AAC format—a file format that produces CD-quality audio in a smaller file size than MP3. Now, you can fit more great-sounding tunes into a tiny player.

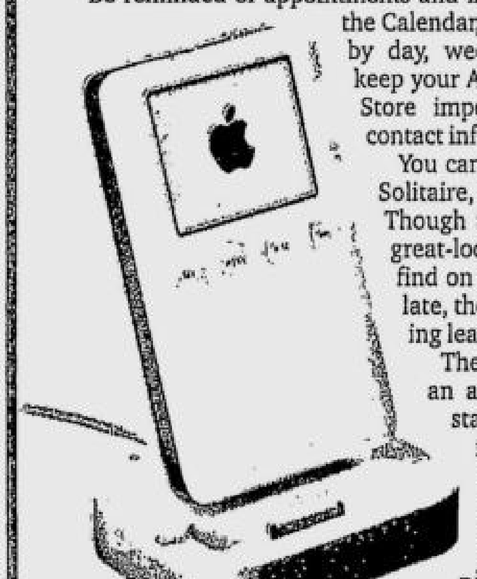
The Ipod, though, is more than just a music device. Think MP3 player meets basic PDA. It's all a matter of synchronizing vital info from your desktop to this neat gizmo.

With practical extras like Note Reader, you can store text-based info and read them onscreen. While waiting for your meeting to start, you can catch up on your to-do list and grocery list, or browse through your inventory of loaned books and CDs!

Be reminded of appointments and important meetings in the Calendar, which can be viewed by day, week and month. Also keep your Address Book at hand. Store important numbers and contact info in Contacts.

You can also play games like Solitaire, Brick or Parachute. Though the games are not as great-looking as the ones you find on hi-resolution PDAs of late, they can still be fun during lean hours.

The Ipod can also act as an alarm clock, with the standard beep or your favorite song as an alert. Finally, an Apple innovation that PC users can also enjoy! (Price: starts at P20,000)



Wireless network accessory

LINKSYS WPC54G Wireless-G Notebook Adapter

That's Wireless-G for the wired geek.

The G, of course, stands for the new wireless standard that's five times faster than existing Wi-Fi technology.

Just pop this baby into your laptop's network card slot, and voila! You're connected to existing wireless networks at the office, at home and in any of the growing number of wireless hotspots in the city.

Access email and the Internet, play games and share files over the network without the fuss of plugging into hubs and tripping over cables.

This can be complicated if you're not familiar with hooking up to a network, but for techies who dream of wireless freedom, this gadget is simply awesome. (Price: P5,500)

Handheld computer

Palm Tungsten C

With its 400 MHz of Intel processing power and 64 MB memory (that's 4x the MB size of a regular PDA!), this latest wonder gizmo from Palm can run more applications and store more data than your garden-variety handhelds.

Now you can add info in two ways: by writing directly onto the screen thanks to Grafitti2 software, or by keying in data via the mini-thumb QWERTY keyboard.

One power feature of this handy device is the integrated WiFi, or 802.11b, that allows for wireless connectivity.

Surf, check your email and upload data online effortlessly. All you need are a WiFi connection (you can sign up for subscription rates or get wireless Internet prepaid cards from a service provider like Airborne Access) and a hotspot to chill out in.

Hotspots are scattered around the metro, with locations ranging from airport terminals to cozy coffee places.

As for software, the Palm Tungsten C comes packed. Read and edit MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint files care of Documents to Go. With the Kinoma Player, you can playback video clips, audio files, animation and slide shows for your clients to see.

Record voice notes and dictate memos on the fly with Voice Memo. Read the latest best-seller e-book during coffee breaks with the Palm Reader. (Price: P29,000)

Portable storage device

APACER Handy Steno 2.0 512MB

Sometimes mistaken for new-age necklace pendants, these lipstick-sized devices called flash disks are actually portable hard drives that can pack as much data as 500 floppy disks combined.

With 512MB of storage, you can transport hundreds (even thousands) of pictures, songs, applications and documents from one computer to another. Stick it into any available USB port and watch those files transfer with blazing USB 2.0 technology speed. Hang it around your neck and it doubles as a cool fashion accessory. (Price: P10,500)

Portable imaging device

Canon i70 Portable Printer

What's the use of a portable office if you can't print those documents and photos on the road?

The Canon i70 is a durable yet lightweight printer that fits easily into standard backpacks. And because it's powered by a lithium-ion battery and communicates with your laptop and mobile phone via infrared, you can say goodbye to annoying power cords and serial cables forever.

Of course, portable printers have been around for some time, but what makes the i70 stand out, aside from its sleek design, is its ability to print photo-quality (4800x1200 dpi) pictures to as big as A4 size directly from Canon's popular digital camera line (including the S50 below) without passing through a computer. (Price: P15,000)

Canon S50 Power Shot Digital Camera

Road warriors have little time for processing film and waiting for prints. So, say goodbye to film forever with Canon's S50 digital still camera.

At 5 megapixels, this camera can produce resolution and detail far more than you'll ever need. (*See article on digital photography.*)

The S50 is packed with features you'd expect from other "prosumer" cameras in this price and megapixel class, plus so much more, such as a newly developed DIGIC processor that provides better color, finer detail and faster and more accurate auto-focus capability.

The 5-megapixel "prosumer" cameras from Nikon, Olympus and Sony can rival the quality of the S50, but are bulkier, more complex to operate and not quite as fun to use.

The S50 is built like a brick but looks smaller than it is because of a stealthy and sleek design that makes this camera double up as a classy fashion accessory.

And because the S50 can print directly to the i70 portable printer, you get to carry your own digital studio wherever you go. (Price: P37,500)

Mobile phone

Sony Ericsson P800

Uncover a personal digital assistant. Flip over to an MP3 player. Whip out a digital cam. Oh yeah, it can make phone calls too!

The Sony Ericsson P800 may very well be the Swiss Army Knife of the Digital Age. Whatever your digital needs may be, the P800 readily provides for them.

This mobile gadget has been around for quite a bit, but still makes my list because no other current mobile phone released comes close to its multi-tasking features.

As a cell phone, the P800 supports tri-band GSM, MMS, and GPRS. Heavy texters, just beware that it does not have predictive text features and requires you to struggle with one hand navigation.

Flipping open the keypad reveals the phone's full touch-sensitive display and gives way to a whole new crop of other applications that make this gadget truly drool-worthy.

It comes packed like any other PDA. You can browse schedules and fill up the calendar. Input contacts in your address book via a handwriting recognition software, a virtual keyboard or just use key presses if you like.

Plus you can go online using the built-in web browser and start bookmarking your fave sites! Download all your e-mail while waiting at the airport terminal, and open attachments with the document viewer application supporting files from Adobe Acrobat, MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The P800 comes equipped with games too, and if you're bored with waiting, kick up the multimedia player feature.

Start playing your collection of MP3s, or even video clips you got from the Net.

However, this handy gadget goes beyond playback of audio. It has a voice record feature that allows you to capture voice snippets to be recorded in any format of your choice (and can even be turned into a ringtone!).

Done with the rundown of features? Not just yet. There is still the integrated digital camera called Communicam. Grab photos of people who auditioned for the ad you're working on and quickly send them to your boss in Singapore. Or take digital stills of a location you're planning to use for a project and upload them to your PC.

There are just too many things to do with this delightfully schizophrenic gadget. Though it plays several roles, the Ericsson P800 has no identity crisis. (Price: P36,000 open line)

AFTER THE CRASH

Life's dotcommin' at ya

By Elaine Sta. Maria
Web portal editor turned fashion designer

I DO not write anymore. Nor do I use a personal computer on a daily basis. I've loaned my notebook to my boyfriend and only use the office PC to play MP3s. My e-mail receives around 85 pieces of junk mail before I open it, and I regularly (if once every two weeks means regular) visit only three websites whenever I get to surf the Net.

I may be a case of tech rehab, as three years of working at (what was once) the fastest growing portal in the Philippines was enough for me to crash and burn.

In 1999, the year before a gazillion local dotcom companies went live, I was fresh out of college and considered myself a netizen. Being a writer in a start-up portal was a career I would have been crazy to pass up.

Our tiny company consisted of a managing director who was barely 30 years of age, and an even younger brood of hungry and intelligent website producers, designers, tech specialists and writers assigned to mini-portals that best suited their interests.

Each kid bore his flag on his respective desktop—the Buffy fan, the Star Wars geek, the Anglophile, the futbol hooligan, the Cosmicdebris sucker, the Led Zeppelin devotee... take a look at a person's wallpaper, screensaver, Hotbar and bookmarks and you could get a good grasp of his personality. It was like a specialized extension of college with its lack of office formality.

Our office uniform consisted of quirky t-shirts, jeans, thong slippers or sneakers and the hoodie track jacket for all-nighters. We took our noodles-in-a-cup lunch (breakfast and dinner) at our desks; we could put up our legs on our chairs, CPUs or tables while we worked. We had at least two long-haired male employees among us, and passed notes through IM (Instant Messenger) under the nose of The Big Brother (technical see-all). We even called our big boss by his first name. We could get our nicotine fix inside the office after-hours with three-in-one coffee; we could light up candles and incense and have Elvis Costello croon through our Altec Lansing speakers while we built databases of information we believed would be valuable to Filipinos worldwide. Each writer to his or her station, creating a physical and online environment where people with similar interests could meet, thrive and interact.

We were brash, web-savvy, future-forward children who arrived just in time to live the dotcom dream, Philippine-style.

I was given the shopping website and a beat-up but trusty machine. My producer threw me a skeletal outline of my website, a printout of the design prototype and written on it were the keywords "brief, upbeat, fresh and interesting."

My mind was on a desperate rush to publish articles that exceeded print media parameters because, after all, this was the Internet. I wanted to show the underbelly of shopping, reinforce consumer power and build a community for kids like myself. Days later, I was spewing out two to three-paragraph product reviews, fashion forecasts, "hot and not" product choices with no less than HTML tags I had learned like hotkeys.

The freedom to build something out of nothing was like driving on a vast plain with no roads. The possibilities were endless, and that was just the problem: there was nothing to hit or miss. The web's target audience was most difficult to pin down with our portal wanting to represent Filipinos from all walks of life. But here lay instant gratification: I had (almost) real-time interaction from readers via e-mail! My ambiguous shopping mongers varied from clotheshorses wanting scoop on the latest *ukay-ukay* finds to mothers asking which ones are trusty microwave brands. There was a world of things to feature, long message board threads to monitor, incurable shopaholics to meet, and Pageviews to make.

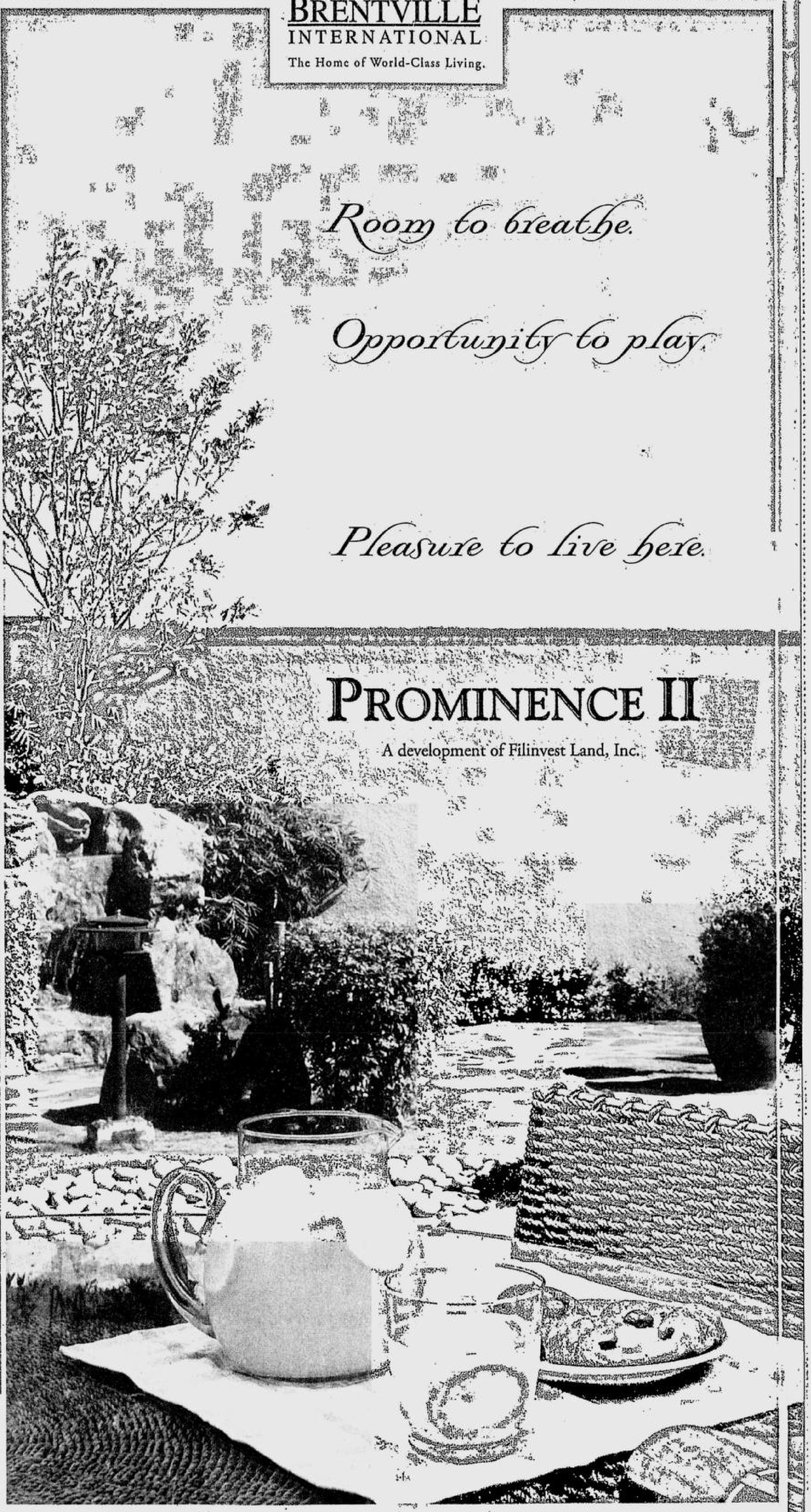
The Pageview. There is only one beautiful thing about wanting to be everything to everybody. Be a blind donkey on the run, write about anything under the sun and you amass numbers. Never mind that one webpage on the latest rice cooker is viewed only once in four days, it still adds up to your website's hits! And hits/pageviews/ticks mean selling ad space!

And there went the soul and the rock 'n roll. Put a figure on any web writer's head and it soils the writing like piss does a diaper. I did sympathize with the company's need to earn money, but why spoil something that could possibly create change in people's attitude or experience, even in something as superficial as shopping?

The Internet has formerly led me deep in what I am passionate about—like a new German film, for instance—because of the unselfish information it gives. I wasn't about to create "fresh" but half-baked articles only because it moves readers to click their mouse. That, to me, is the death of dotcom.

My resignation in 2002 was as much a shock to myself as it was to my boss and peers. It had been a rough ride of altered business plans, reformatting, office moving, platform converting and regrouping just to keep our little company afloat. We were one of the few dotcom survivors who knew that the key to longevity was to ride the digital wave. What was once extensive content was narrowed down to 160-character text messages. SMS (short messaging system) was where the money was and that was where we were heading. I knew I had to jump ship and once again try dry land.

A week after I stepped off the portal and rid myself of the office smell and some airconditioned fat, I purchased a 1972 Volkswagen Kombi. With three of my closest buddies, I opened a vintage clothing store on wheels and careened through town bringing cheap and unique clothes to anybody interested enough to try something new. In our little tumblebus, I met people who could have possibly been part of my online community. There I thrived in making my words leap from computer screens onto real life—and getting responses faster than any instant messenger could ever transmit.



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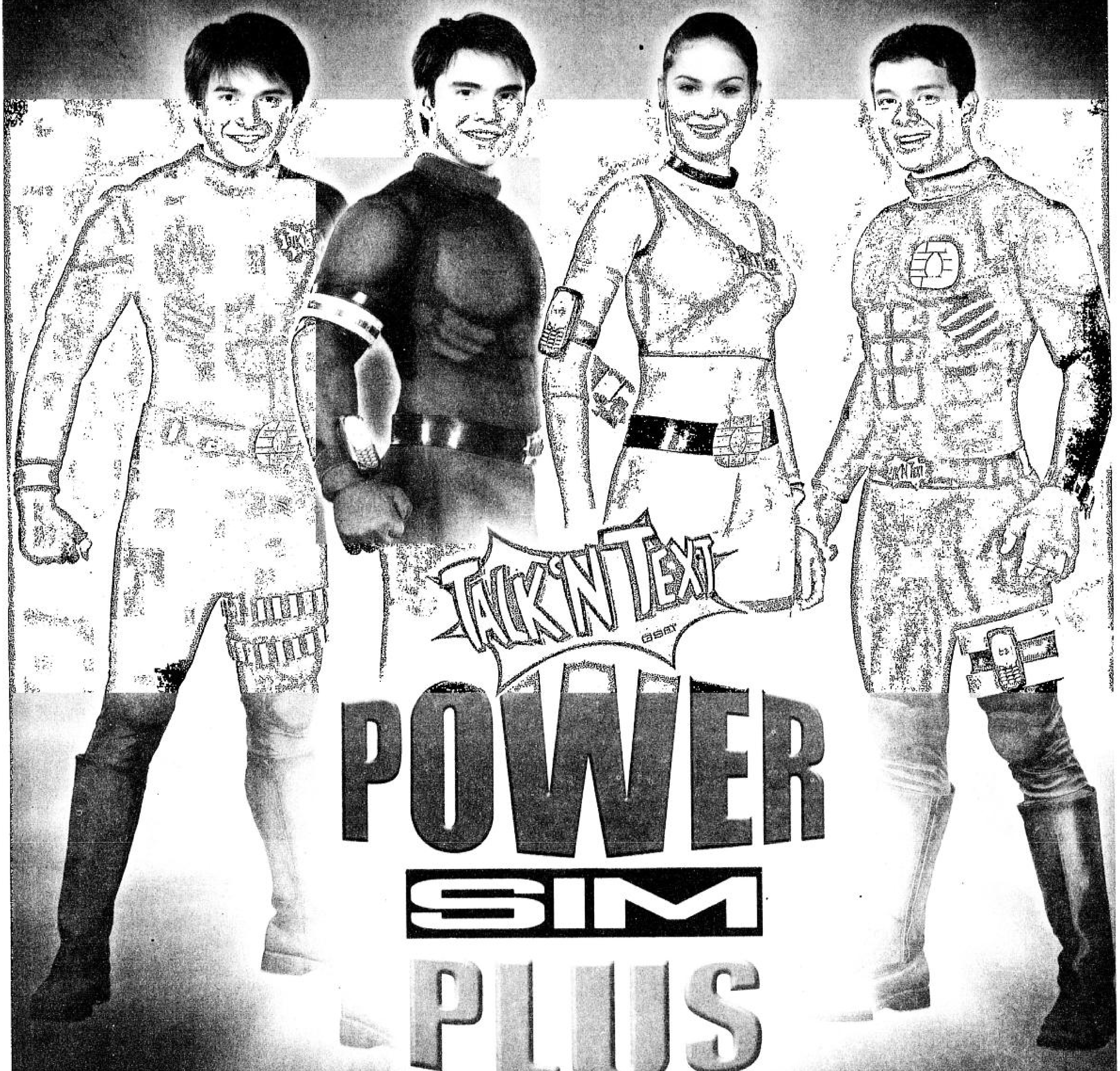

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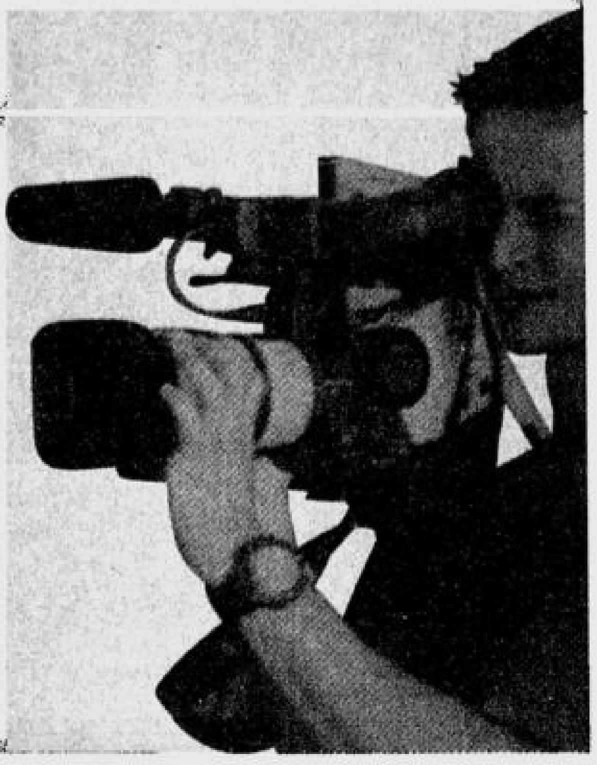

KNN correspondents at work

kids@news

Digital technology gives birth to the Kabataan News Network

By Dale Rutstein

PAUL, a 13-year-old from Zamboanga del Sur, confidently pops a matchbox-sized videotape into a tiny VCR and starts to jot down notes about his shots for a TV script on a boy who drives a pedicab to support his family. As the crisp, saturated pictures of the driver from every conceivable angle flash by on the screen I have to convince myself once again that these images have not been shot by a highly trained news photographer using a P2 million camera.

As a former US journalist, I cut my teeth in the TV news business when camera crews were made up of two burly six-footers carrying hundreds of pounds of temperamental electronic gear. How times have changed. These days video technology is so compact that a 13-year-old operating a palm-sized digital handycam can record pictures that almost rival those of professionals. The highest levels of the TV news business are starting to recognize the benefits of tiny digital cameras.

Young CNN correspondent Jason Bellini covers some of the world's most famous breaking news stories with very similar equipment. Operating with a small DV camera, a laptop and a sat phone, he produces breaking news stories almost exclusively on his own from Baghdad to Beijing.

Mini digital video (mini DV) technology is also making waves in the Philippines. A Unicef project is in the early stages of harnessing the digital video revolution to help young people play a more vital role in developing their society. Together with Probe Media Foundation, ANC and NBN, work has begun on a new TV project called KNN (Kabataan News Network) aimed at providing a forum for young people to have their say and to comment on what is important to them. The initial results are very exciting with 13- to 18-year-olds producing their own video news features. Many other shows have featured roles for kids before, but few have ever fully turned them lose as producers themselves: researching, shooting and scripting—calling their own shots.

Paul now finishes transcribing the video his team has filmed, sticks his pen in his mouth and grabs the tiny DV tape as it is smoothly ejected from its player. He is one of five youth from the Pagadian area who have been trained as young TV reporters for the KNN show in recent intensive workshops conducted by Probe and Unicef. Similar teams—called Youth TV Bureaus—from the Mountain Province, Manila, Capiz, Cebu and Davao are now hard at work on their show, which will start airing in late July jointly on ABS News Channel and NBN. The Youth TV Bureaus are part of the Unicef Child Friendly Movement, which is attempting to make the Convention on the Rights of the Child an every day reality throughout the Philippines.

Keep an eye out for KNN. You'll be amazed at how the digital video revolution is changing the face of TV in the Philippines.

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The rise of digital filmmaking

With the digital video camera, anyone can be the next Tarantino

By Carlo C. Ledesma

THERE'S a revolution on the horizon, and it's neither People Power nor the third part of a movie trilogy that'll be out in November.

It's a revolution of individuals holding in one hand a tool that'll take self-expression to new heights and raise the bar of movie-making as we see it.

With too many pluses outweighing the minuses, it's no wonder that the digital video camera is rapidly becoming the medium of choice, not just for TV and music videos, but also for film geeks and hobbyists everywhere.

Suddenly, everybody is a filmmaker, or at least, can be.

Now, technology is providing the tools—but you've got to provide the talent. Anybody can be a filmmaker. The trick is being a filmmaker who can come up with something watchable.

Pick what you want

First, figure out what kind of video you want to make. Do you see yourself doing a full-length feature? A documentary? An office AVP that'll score points with your supervisor? Why not do all?

It's possible, but hardly advisable, to attempt them all at once (because I have, and I have the gray hairs to prove it).

Pick what you want to do first, and make sure it's the thing that gives you the most enjoyment. It's very hard to get discouraged over something when you're having fun doing it.

Tell your story

Now that you've figured out what kind of video you want to make, come up with your story.

Is it the epic struggle between your 3-month-old Labrador and the neighborhood cats? A thriller about a yuppie who puts in overtime at the office and realizes all the water dispensers are possessed?

Coming up with a story sets you on the right track and allows you to focus on what you have to shoot.

Since you don't waste time shooting unnecessary scenes, you "trim the fat," so to speak. Best of all, you spare us the agony of watching hours and hours of useless material.

Just remember, everybody has a story to tell. The best stories are the ones that come from your life experiences. Write what you know. Work on that Samurai versus Lapu-Lapu trilogy later on.

Get a permit

Before you go off and shoot, try to remember that in today's overtly paranoid world, people are more wary of folks with a camera.

Most places nowadays require a permit, and while it's a drag having to suck up to power-tripping security guards, you will have to swallow your pride and do so.

You could go the guerrilla route and shoot without a permit. When questioned, simply say you're a tourist, but this only works if your camera is a small camcorder.

I say give the security guard a small role in your film. You'd be surprised how many of them are thrilled to death when asked to do so.

So you got your story and your permits are set, thanks to the security guard who's now an assassin in your picture. Start shooting!

Shoot straight

Try to be conscious of camera movement. That whole MTV-handheld-crazy-shot thing is passé and is best left to those bikini car-wash segments on noontime shows.

Instead, set up your shots like you would a still picture. Imagine where your actors or subjects are moving, and pan as smoothly as you can.

As much as possible, try not to use the camera's zoom-in/zoom-out function. It is there for a reason, but making a professional-looking video is not one of them.

Remember audio

Sound is the one thing many fledgling directors often overlook.

How effective is that stunning wide shot of the Banaue rice terraces when you can hear jeepneys honking in the background?

Most consumer cameras were built to give you the best possible image, but have microphones that are about as effective as hollering through a rusty tin can.

Try to invest in an external microphone, one that allows you to get up and close with whatever audio source it is you want to record.

In short, never overlook sound. It's the one thing that'll set your docu apart from that birthday-party video.

You're done shooting, but you should realize that principal photography is only 50 percent of the entire filmmaking process.

Editing is where you'll have to hunker down for days, weeks, even months on end to chop up scenes, add music and effects, and to smoothen out the entire flow of your masterpiece.

The best part is, you can do this in your own home, thanks to an overabundance of editing software you can install in your PC or Mac.

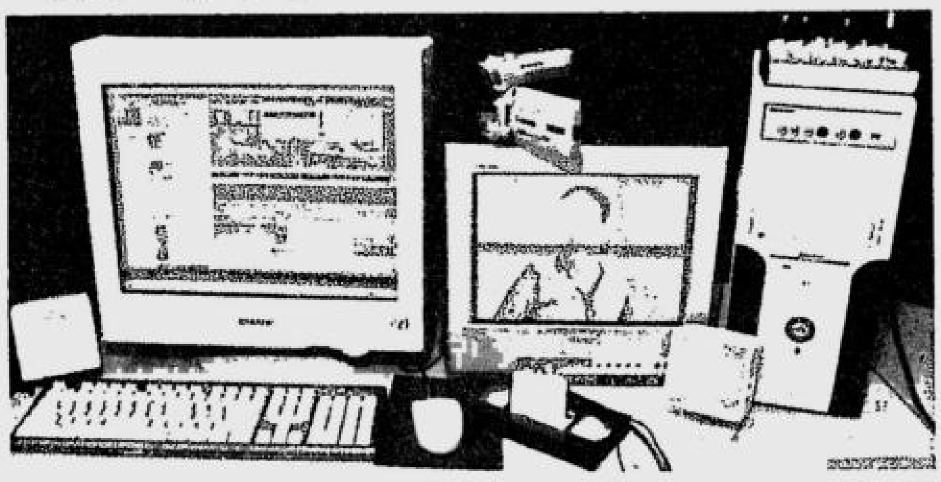
The great part about filmmaking is that it forces upon us the need to share our art to the world.

There are fewer highs than seeing your work aired on TV, or seeing your friends and family derive enjoyment from your cleverly executed family reunion video.

If the artist in you awakens and makes you realize that what you did was total crap, then all it takes is picking up that wonderful piece of relatively inexpensive equipment and starting all over again.

Carlo Ledesma is a TV host, producer and director. He is currently writing a full-length feature script, which he plans to shoot. On video, of course.

CARLO and his team take a break during the shoot of a TV commercial.



'PITO-PITO'

7 tools for the filmmaker on a shoestring budget

FOR A FRACTION of the price it cost professionals five years ago, today's budding Spielbergs can build their personal video production studios right at home with these seven wonders:

Digital video camera. This is the one tool a filmmaker can't do without. Your camera records video, but also functions as a player and monitor when editing. The Mini-DV cameras of today have achieved a quality that rivals professional video cameras 10 times the price. Prices vary according to features, video resolution, build and lens quality, but even entry-level digicams come close to broadcast standards.

Microphone. All digicams come with a built-in microphone, but they're useless for capturing detailed sound and for recording dialogue. Unless you're shooting silent film, it's best to invest in a separate microphone that can attach to your camera via cable.

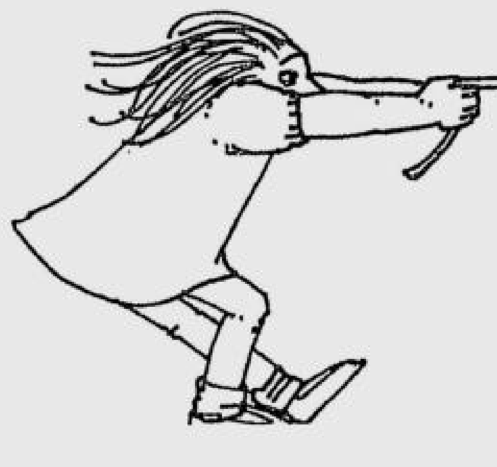
Desktop PC. Most basic PCs sold these days pack enough processing power to edit your footage. Get a Pentium 4 machine with 256MB of memory and at least 40GB of hard disk storage. Throw in a 17" monitor—bigger if you can afford, and a pair of decent speakers.

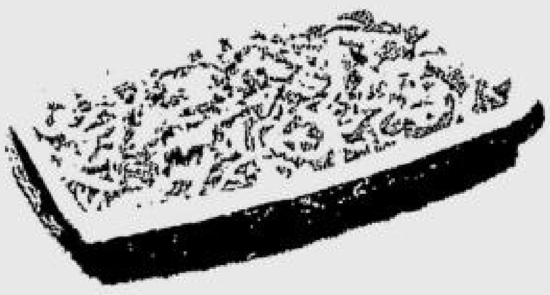
IEEE 1394 Firewire Card. The firewire connection is how you transfer video back and forth between your camera and computer. Some are built into computer motherboards, but they're cheap enough to purchase separately.

Audio and video editing software. Take your pick from professional features to basic editing functions. You can always upgrade as you get better, but basic versions are bundled with firewire cards or come as free downloads over the Internet.

Video monitor. You need to see what you're editing in full screen. Any TV set that takes audio and video cables will get the job done.

CD/DVD burner. What's the point of editing to tape when hardly anyone keeps VHS players any more? Burn your masterpiece to a VCD, or DVD for even better quality, and distribute to family, friends and agent.





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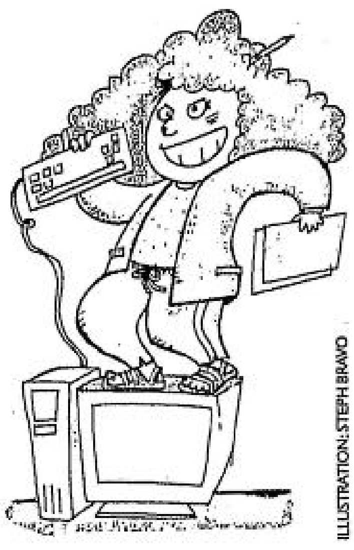
10 commandments of digital shopping



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1 Buying first is not the same as buying best. Except for the bragging rights, owning first-generation digital technology hardly makes any sense.

The tech industry thrives on hype, and in the race to be first, companies are under extreme pressure to ship software and hardware faster than they can be tested. This leaves consumers like us with products full of bugs.

Although manufacturers do provide free service and upgrades to fix these glitches, it's better to wait a few months for more stable products and real-world feedback from early adopters.

Being first also means risking your investment in what could be a dead-end product. Unless you have money to burn, be patient because technology will always get better and cheaper over time.

2 Pay only for what you need. There's no use getting carried away by the newest, fastest and shiniest digital toy if you won't have any use for all that memory and processing power that comes with it.

If that mobile phone is only for texting and making calls, then it doesn't make sense to pay triple for a built-in camera and a high-resolution screen. Why spend on a computer powerful enough for video editing if all you'll be using it for is word processing?

Only engineers, digital content producers and serious gamers push technology to the limit. The rest of us should manage perfectly with more basic machines that get our daily tasks done.

Remember, you can always replace or upgrade that digital dinosaur when it becomes too slow or embarrassing for comfort.

3 Upgrade before replacing. What is top-of-the-line today will find its way to the bottom of the heap tomorrow.

You can delay the painful reality of product obsolescence by choosing devices that can be upgraded and refurbished. Just like cars, an engine overhaul here and some detailing there can bring life back to digital devices.

Before buying new, see if extra memory, a new CPU or faster storage drives can speed up that machine. Outdated looks? Put on a new casing, throw in a few accessories and you won't be able to tell the difference.

4 Buy brand new, but try used, too. The virtues of brand new are obvious. They look clean, smell fresh out of the factory, and they usually come with a limited warranty.

But those without the urge to splurge will be surprised with how many good deals are out there in the secondhand market. After all, used need not be worn out or obsolete.

Many secondhand items are actually pretty new—mobile phones, PDAs, digital cameras, laptops and other gizmos abandoned by owners obsessed with the latest thing in the market.

It's safest to buy from the original owner, and if the warranty can be transferred, third parties are fine. If not, test the item before closing the deal and always ask for the original boxes and manuals in case you intend to dump it back in the used market.

5 Stay with brands you trust. You can build a brand with the right marketing strategy, but you can't build trust on hype alone.

There's a reason branded costs more than generic. That added cost is for quality control, built-in warranties, and a decent resale value (not to mention marketing costs!).

Understand also that a digital product like a desktop computer is actually many brands in one. A Dell PC, for example, is really just a mix of branded parts from Intel, Asus, Maxtor, etc. So are most PC clones.

Look under the hood for familiar names before shelling out that dough. Even an unknown brand is better than no brand at all.

6 Watch out for hidden costs. You can't always trust that picture on the cover. Not all devices are ready to roll straight out of the box. Chances are, you'll need extra memory, additional batteries, all sorts of software and expensive peripherals to make that brand-new investment function as advertised.

So before buying blindly, check what comes in the box. Rechargeable batteries, chargers, removable storage and software are now commonly bundled free, so why pay extra?

7 Good looks aren't everything. Or are they? Remember the line, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? It applies to the digital shopping experience as well.

After all, why spend extra for that sleek Italian design when the chunky, beige, generic box of a thing selling for half the price packs twice the power and has a dozen more functions?

There's no point in spending good money on something you'd rather hide from friends or which doesn't fit your personal taste. Feel good about your purchase, but don't let too much of style get in the way of substance, unless you can afford to keep up with the fast pace of trends.

8 If it can't be connected, nor can you. Connectivity. Access. These are the buzz-words of the digital age. So if that digital device can't connect to others over a wired or wireless network, then don't even bother.

It might look cutting-edge to sport that proprietary technology hardcore techies drool over, but nothing looks more un-cool than standing around with no one else to connect to.

9 There is no best time to buy... you can only buy the best technology you can afford. Because the number of transistors on a microprocessor doubles every 18 months, there will always be something faster, smaller and smarter around the corner.

There's little point waiting for the perfect time to buy. Faster product cycles mean faster time for technology to be obsolete. If you have the money, buy the best you intend to use at the price you can afford—today.

10 Don't always believe what others say. Because most of us do get by with even the most basic communication and computer technology, the industry falls back on hype to push products and services we otherwise don't need.

Product promotions disguised as reviews and tests are some of the clever ways of getting around the cynicism of increasingly tech-savvy consumers.

Compare reviews online and on print and check for consistency. Don't allow geeky salesmen to overwhelm you, or clueless shopkeepers to further confuse you.

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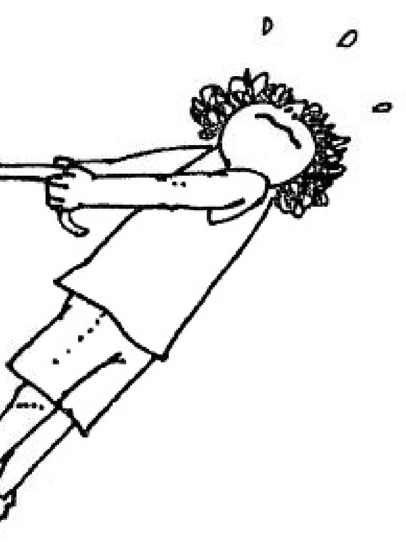

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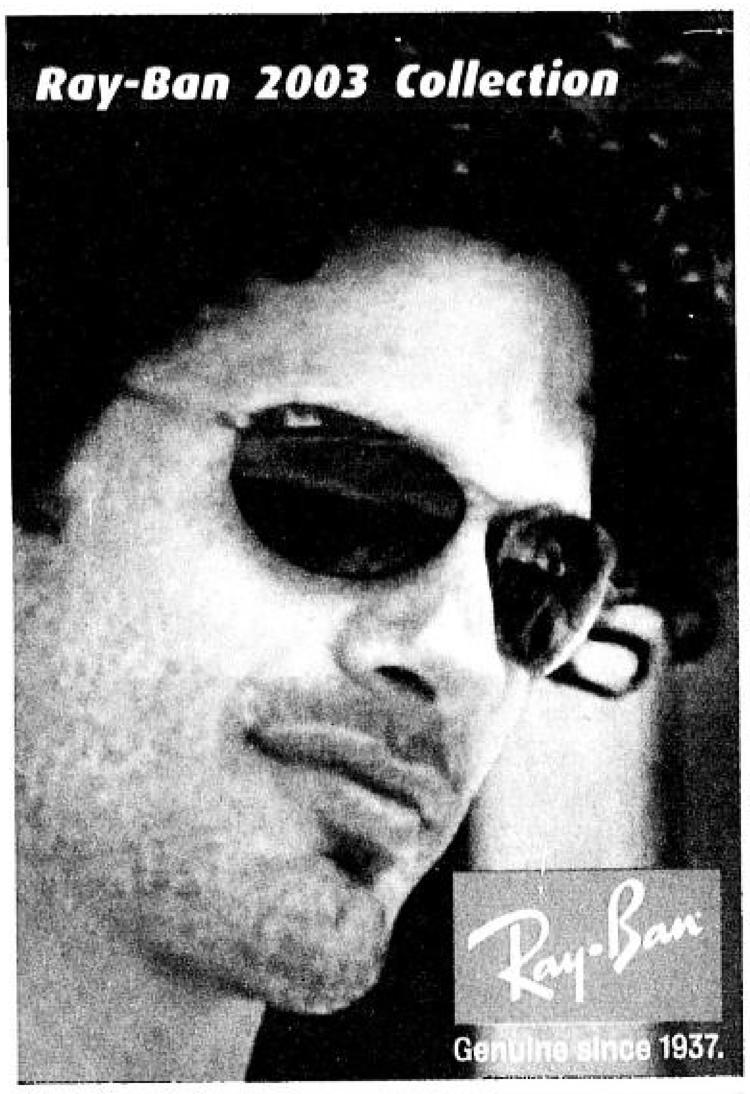

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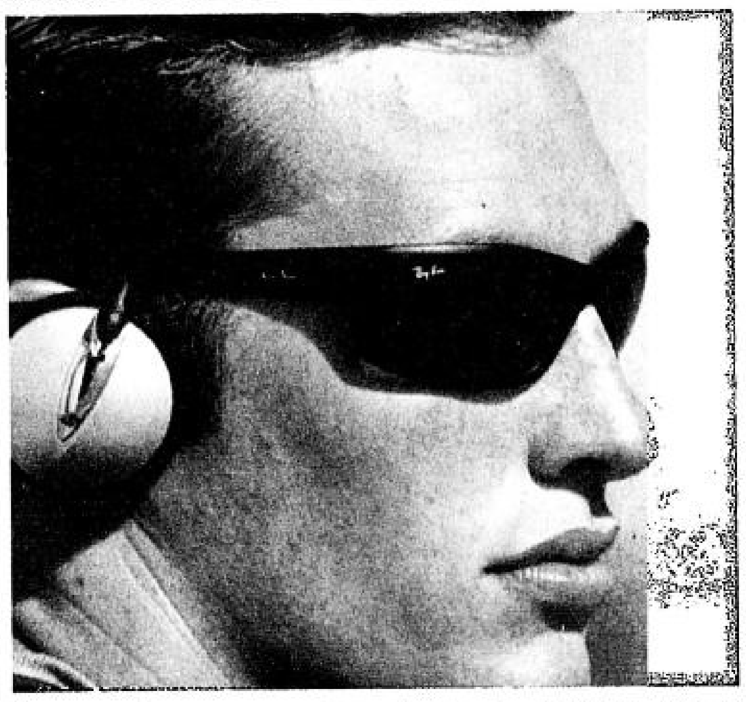

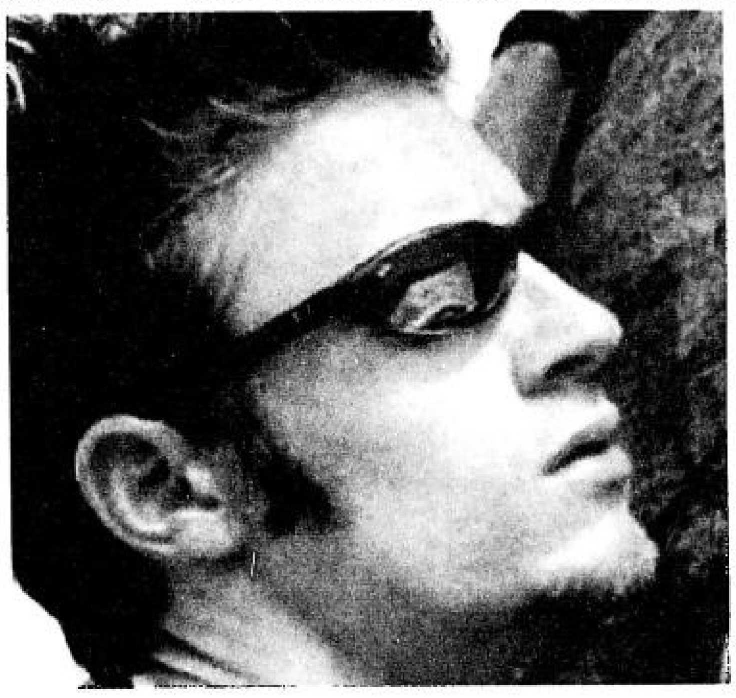

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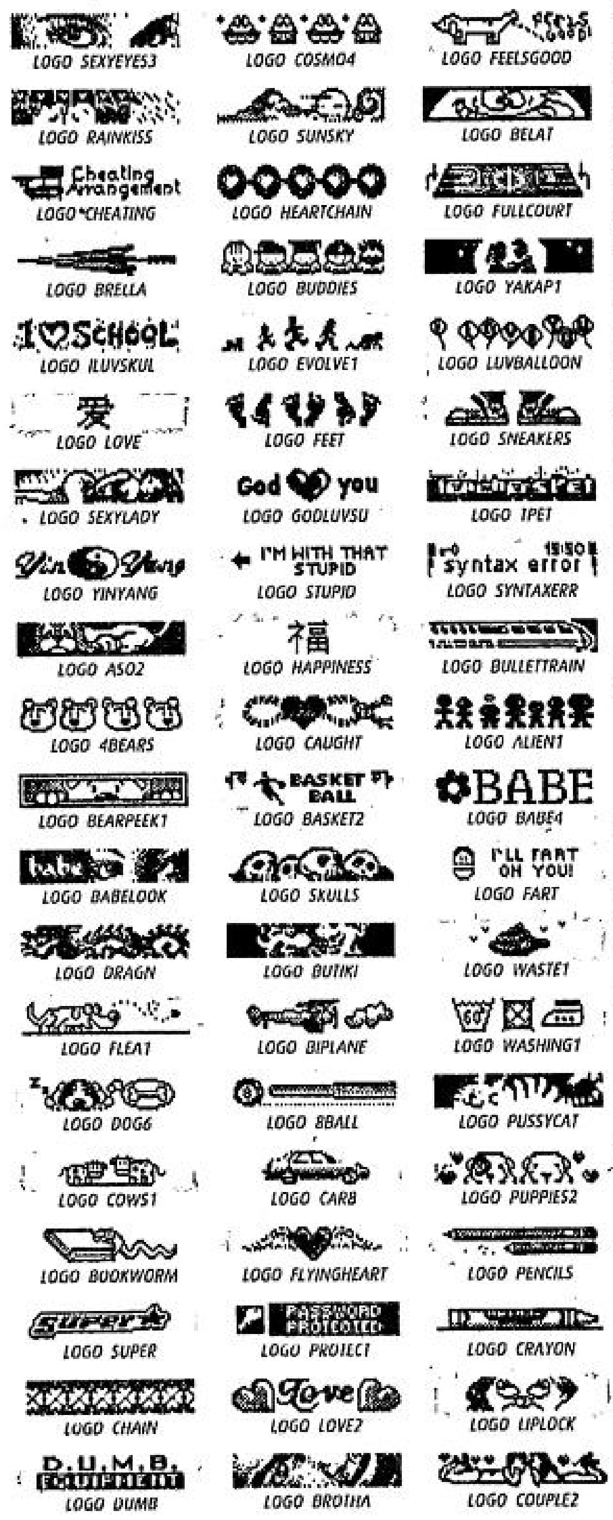

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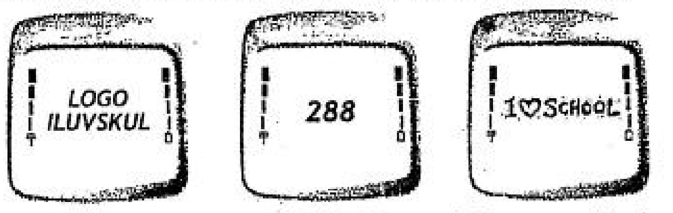

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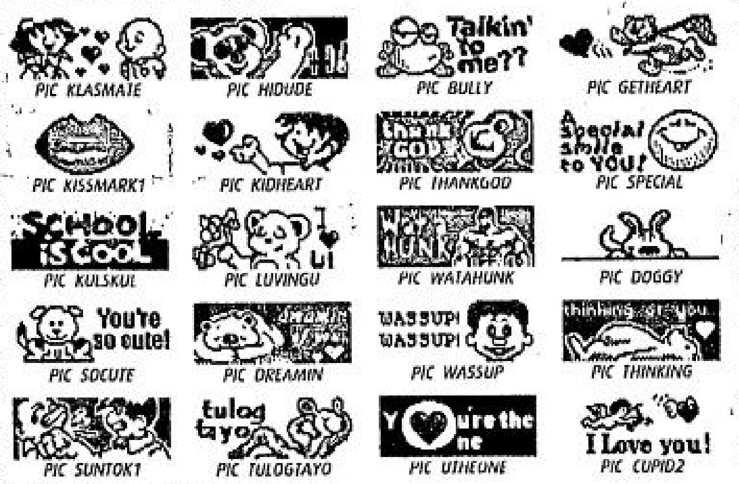
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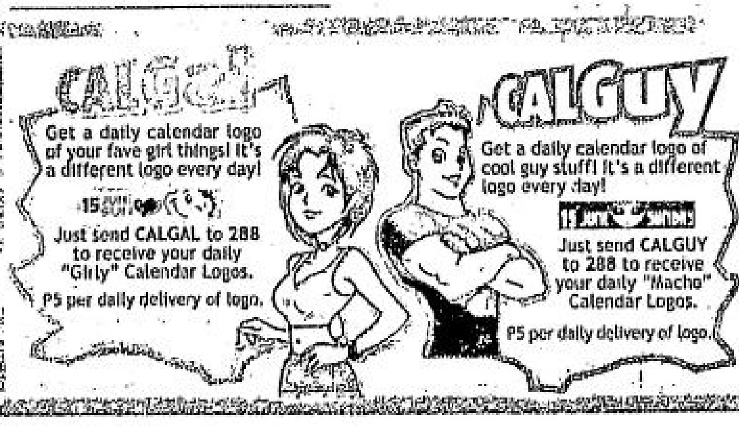

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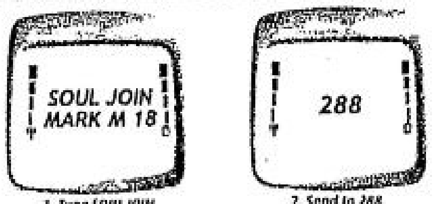

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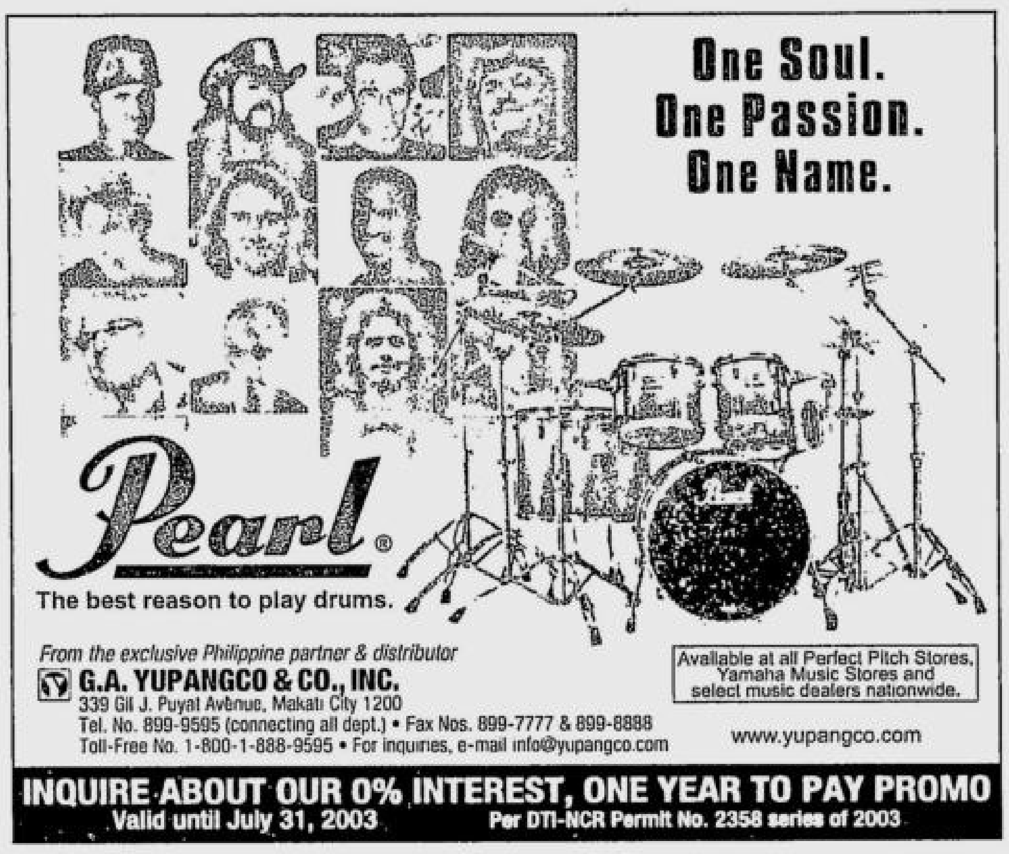

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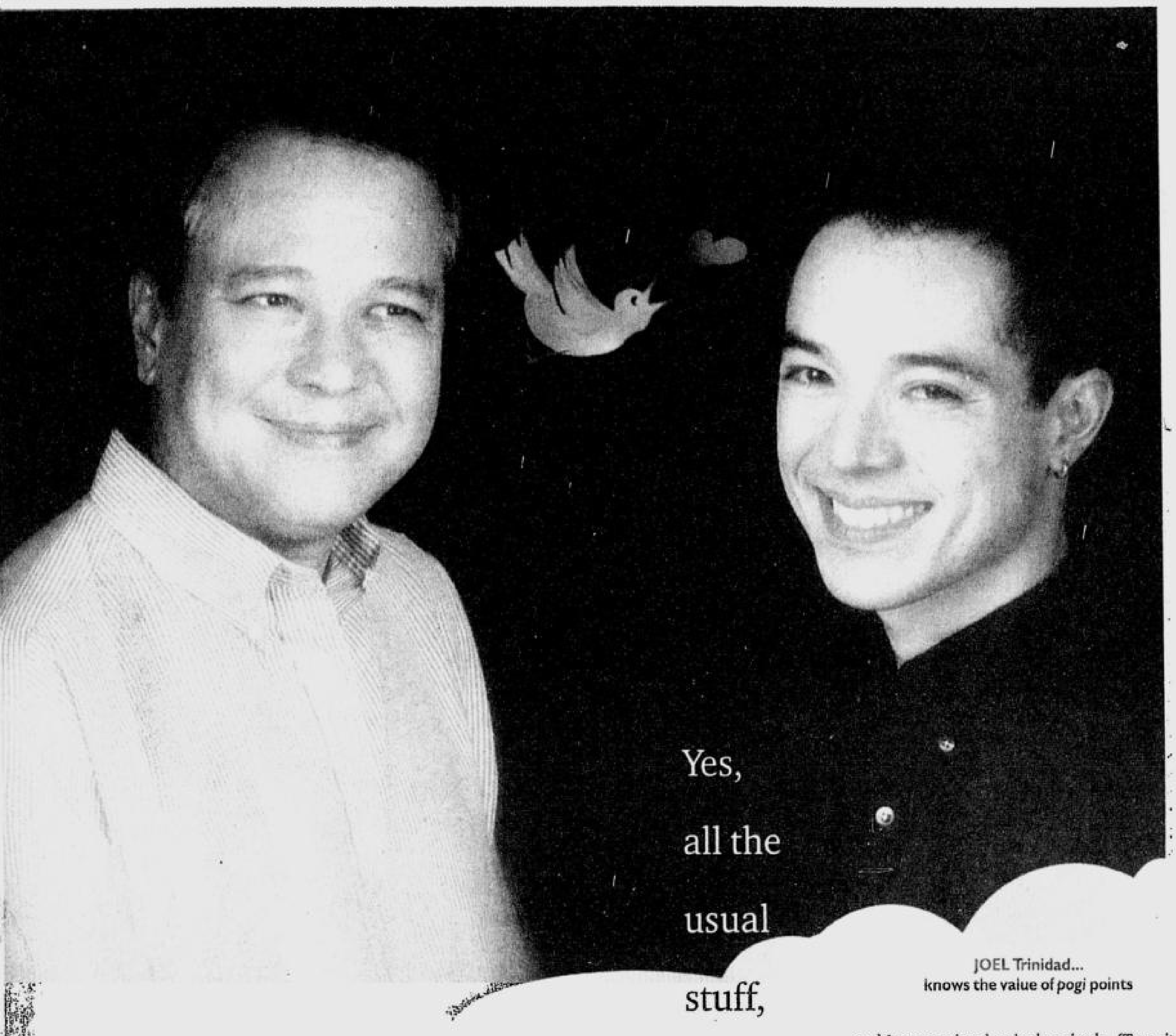
'Everything I know I learned from my Dad'

By Joel Trinidad



Yes, all the usual stuff, including the birds and the B-cups

NOEL Trinidad... kind of famous

JOEL Trinidad... knows the value of *pogi* points

MY FATHER, Noel Trinidad, is kind of famous.

Not really famous, as in FPJ-famous, or Eddie Garcia-famous, or even that-skinny-guy-in-the-Coke-commercials-famous, but well-known enough for him to be on movie posters, for people to acknowledge his presence in the audience when he watches certain shows, for security guards to let him pass through village gates without leaving his ID, or for strangers to smile at him in the streets, and then to whisper confidentially to their companions, "*Ang payat pala ni* Subas Herrero *sa* personal."

"What's it like to follow in his footsteps, to live in his shadow and under his thumb?"

I am often asked this question, particularly by people who like to mix metaphors, and I can only say that it's been great.

Why, you ask? Doesn't the constant comparison make you insecure?

Not at all. Being known as someone's son is only a drag if you don't like your father, if you're ashamed of him, or if you're actually his daughter (ask my sister about that sometime.)

Being known as Noel Trinidad's son has never been a problem for me, because I happen to idolize my father. He is, without exaggeration, the single most influential person in my life.

I have said this many times before, to many people, in interview after interview, despite repeated requests for me to "cut it out already."

Almost everything I know I learned from him—and not just the usual stuff, either. Yes, I'm talking about the birds and the B-cups. Because, as it turns out, my Dad was quite the swinger in his youth.

So here, in no particular order, are some things about women that I learned from my semi-famous father:

1. Women dig artists.

Though he has never told me this to my face (and really, besides my ears, what other body part could he have chosen?), I have gathered, from a lifetime of observing him, that my Dad is a firm believer in the universal scientific principle that is known as, to use a technical term, *pogi* points.

For the men out there who are unfamiliar with the concept (you poor bastards), *pogi* points are those little things that a man earns when he does something sweet for a girl, making her like him just a little bit more: opening the door for her, saying "God bless you" when she sneezes, not taking a digital photo of the huge zit on her nose and posting it on the Internet, etc.

So how do I know my Dad believes in *pogi* points? It's obvious. When he was a teenager, he was active in school plays. He sang in a band. He wrote poetry. He even played the guitar a little. Now I ask you this: Is there any straight, single teenage boy in history who has ever taken up acting, singing, poetry-writing, and the guitar without some faint hope that he could use those skills to get girls?

I rest my case.

2. Beauty = Good.

Though my Dad is devoted to my Mom, he, like every other guy, still appreciates a pretty face. And without really meaning to, he constantly reinforces this value in me.

Every time I tell him I've met a beautiful woman, or the subject even comes up, he says, without fail, "*Ba't 'di mo ligawan 'yan?*"

Yes, he says those exact words. Every single time. This is not an exaggeration. Here are some statements from me that would warrant that reply:

"There's a cute girl that lives in my building."

"Hey, Dad, I just met the daughter of your old high school friend."

"I was just at a photo shoot with the Sex Bomb Dancers."

"I didn't know they had female MMDA enforcers..."

Which leads me to the next thing I learned from my Dad:

3. How to pick up women

Here is my Dad's technique for meeting women, something he used when he was a bachelor:

The instant you see a woman you find attractive, go up to her, but do not approach her directly. Pretend to catch a glimpse of her as you are passing by.

Suddenly do a double take, widen your eyes in feigned recognition, and say, "Oh my God! Susan! Hi!"

If her name happens to be Susan, you're in luck. If it doesn't, she will smile politely and correct you. Then you can apologize sheepishly, pouring on the boyish charm, and continue the conversation from there until you've established a comfortable rapport.

Then, when the time is just right, you can ask for her number.

(No, it never worked for him, either.)

4. Women love a sense of humor.

I grew up on comedy. I remember watching my Dad standing on stage, making the audience roar with peals of uncontrollable laughter. (Luckily, he caught himself in time and was able to pull his zipper back up.)

I remember his awful puns at the dinner table. His rare recordings of Monty Python, Steve Martin, Woody Allen, which I hope he has completely forgotten about and does not want back.

I also remember sitting by his side, watching shows like "Three's Company," "Soap," and "Cheers."

Then, of course, there was my father's own comedy-variety show, "Champoy," which ran for nearly five hilariously entertaining years.

It was a groundbreaking program the likes of which Philippine television had never seen, and I never missed a single episode. (True, it was mostly because I was too young to drive and I was stuck at home every night, but really, it was funny as hell.)

My point (and yes, I do have one) is that my Dad, the comedian, nurtured in me that wellspring of *pogi* points, the all-important sense of humor—a constant favorite in "What Women Want in a Man" magazine articles, usually ranking below "Sensitivity" and above "Just Enough Intelligence to be Able to Write His Name in the Ground with a Twig."

My sense of humor is more useful to me than ever (shameless plug alert), now that I'm part of an improvisational comedy group called SPIT, or the Silly People's Improv Theater, which performs every Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. at the Comfort Room Bar, which is located at Jupiter Place on Jupiter Street, Makati, and charges a laughably meager P150 entrance fee. (End of shameless plug.)

And even though my Dad is semi-retired from comedy, that sense of humor we share is still very useful to him.

Because every once in a while, he buys a very expensive, high-tech appliance, like a computer. He takes it home, gingerly removes it from its foam-lined box, gently sets it on his desk, carefully wipes it down, plugs it in, turns it on, then watches it burst into flames because he has plugged it into the wrong wall outlet.

This happens, and I swear I am not exaggerating, about twice a year.

Destroying computers is great if you live in the Matrix, but it gets pretty expensive in real life. Believe me, he needs that sense of humor.

5. There is such a thing as the perfect woman.

I must say, at the risk of inviting no small amount of Freudian speculation, that my Mom is a terrific person. She is beautiful, intelligent, kind, loving, and has just the right touch of weirdness in her sense of humor.

No, she's not perfect per se, but she is perfect... for my Dad. And that's what I'm looking for. (No, not someone who is perfect for my Dad, someone who is perfect for me. Pay attention, will you?)

The two of them are amazing together. After 39 years of marriage, they still act like newlyweds. They still kiss, still hold hands in public, still watch movies, still have dinner dates, still go on romantic trips together.

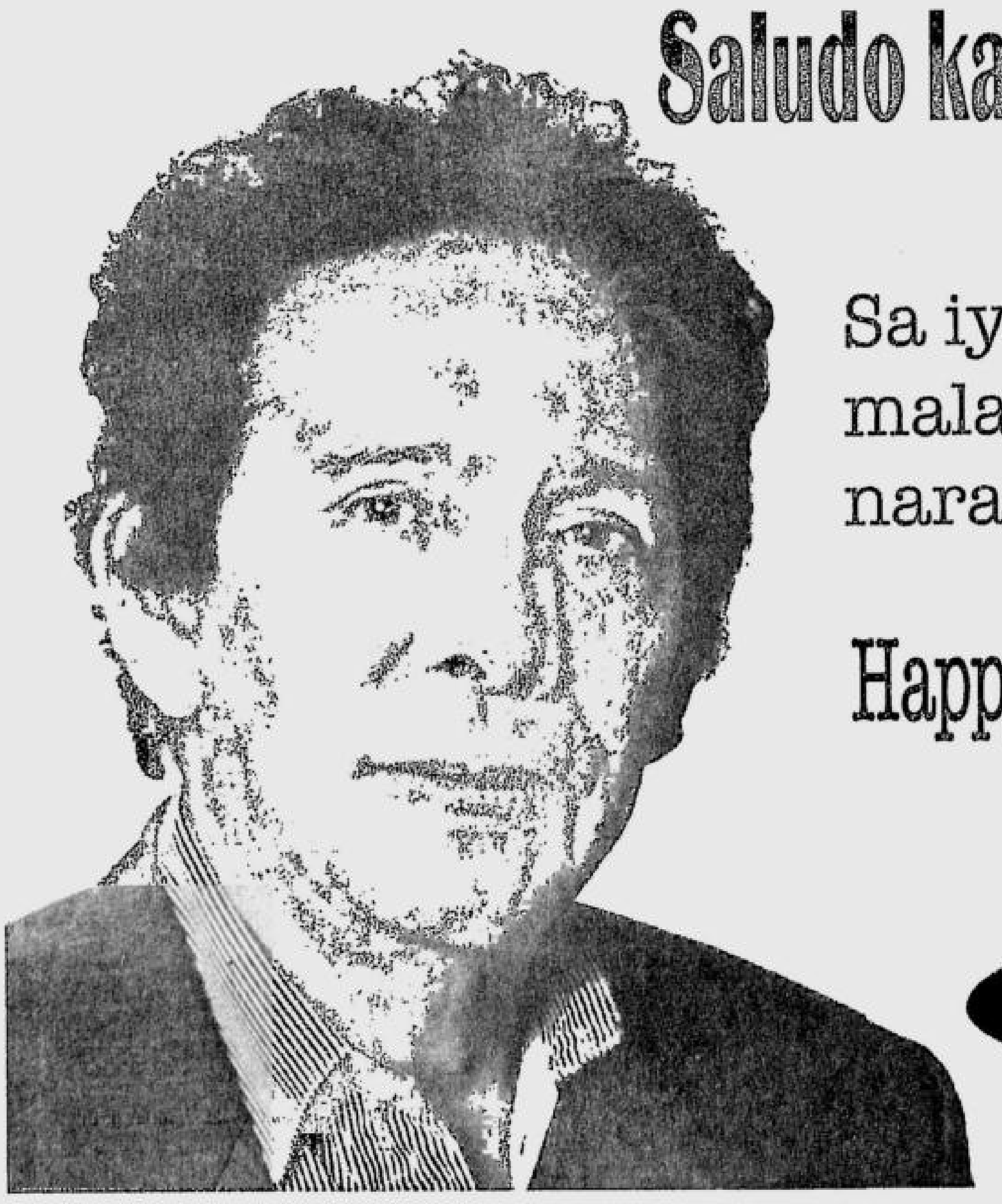
She still cooks for him. And he still slaves away, day after day, at a dead-end job, trying to make the rent (okay, I'm kidding about that last part.)

Anyway, the point is that because my Dad was able to find his perfect match, I know I'll find mine, too.

One day, I'll see her across a crowded room. I'll be nervous, I'm sure, but I know that somehow, I'll find the courage to go up to her. I will smile, take her delicate hand, stare into her eyes, and, when the moment is right, I'll say those immortal words...

"Susan? Is that you?"

(Dad, kidding aside, you've been great, and I love you. I know that, in the spirit of Father's Day, I've said some pretty embarrassing things about you in this article, and you might decide to write some kind of rebuttal. I say, go ahead! Feel free to write whatever you want, however embarrassing. Just don't use my computer.)



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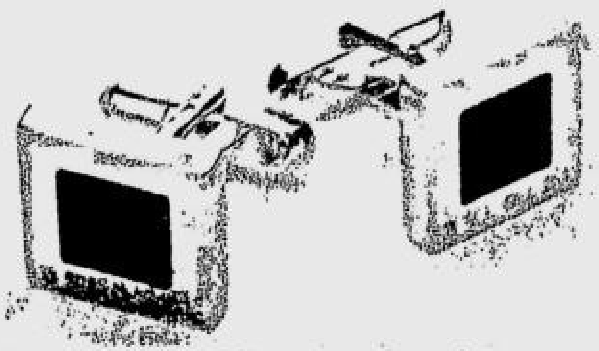

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JOHN Gokongwei

The most important decision in life is whom to marry, according to John Gokongwei

Dad's most important decision

By Lance Gokongwei

MY father does not spend his money on clothes or cars. In fact, he is probably known for his ill-fitting clothes and the stains on his ties. But he will definitely spend on learning experiences such as travel and books.

I remember when my sisters and I were younger, we had limited allowances, but Dad would always be willing to bring us to the bookstore to pick out any book we wanted to read.

I guess that's why we have become a family of readers, and one sister even started her own magazine business, Summit Media.

Taste of the world

As a family, we have been all over the world travelling. My dad loved to take us to museums, galleries and historical sites, so I was fortunate that I had a taste of the world from a young age.

During my college years, my dad would go to New York on business trips so I would join him on weekends in his hotel. We used to watch a lot of Broadway plays and eat huge steaks at various New York steak houses.

But something I distinctly remember was that my father was a heavy snorer. So sometimes, I would end up sleeping in the bathroom to get some peace and quiet.

One of the few places I have not been to with my dad is his ancestors' hometown in China. It would have been nice to have visited it with him, but the oral history in our family is very strong, so it's not like I don't know anything about his childhood.

Storyteller

My father is an interesting storyteller, and he has lived quite an interesting life. I appreciate these stories more now, and I will probably try to share them with my daughter, too. Telling stories is a great way to preserve the core of a family.

My father has always said that the most important decision you will make in your life is who you marry, because I think he always thought that a huge part of his success and happiness was because he made the right decision in marrying my mom.

I've always thought that was very good advice, and I think I've married a great woman as well.

I'm a father now. My father and I will probably have different styles of fathering, but I hope the end result will be the same—that my children will be as close and open to me as I am to my father.

LANCE Gokongwei

Laughing and crying with the Ki

ERIC Quizon

By Eric Quizon

BEING with Dad is always fun. Though in private he tends to be serious, he really is a funny guy. We can all be sitting there, then he'd suddenly say something, deadpan. He'd have us falling off our seats, laughing.

Our relationship has always been good. He's the type who spoils us; I suppose he's trying to make up for being away for work, for having other families.

When my parents separated when I was 15, my relationship with my dad changed. I was angry at him. But our relationship now is better than ever. We talk more now—about family, business, everything

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Travels with my father

By Jose Tomas Syquia

THIS is the earliest conscious memory I have of my father, Ambassador Enrique Syquia. I was 3 years old and he came home from the office (at that time on Escolta) one late afternoon with a present for me—a green-and-white Indian costume. I suppose he bought it at Berg's Department Store, which was then located at the ground floor of his office. The rest of my memories is a blur. That occasion stuck probably because it is also my first conscious memory of my father directly focusing his attention on me.

I also remember my dad bringing me to the Quad at the Makati Commercial Center (now the Ayala Center), to buy any toy that I wanted. Fortunately for his pockets, the only toy I wanted was a Viva Zapanta suction dart shooting rifle.

Being the fourth of five brothers, I value the time I spend alone with my father. While driving for him, for instance, I learned he once produced a movie together with friends that didn't become a hit because the timing of its release was off; that he used to play bowling and pool on Azcarraga Street during his early years as a law professional when clients were few; and that he used to teach at the Francisco Law School.

Most traveled

When I was in England and at The Hague, my father visited me and offered to buy me things I needed or wanted and treated me out for meals at places of my choice (failing to make a choice, we would gravitate toward Chinese cuisine).

Note that in Manila my father is rather thrifty. But abroad, he would be very generous. I could see the effort he put in seeking certain requests of my brothers, especially books, and in shopping for homecoming presents to my mother.

When I was younger, I used to think that my father was the most traveled person in the Philippines. Every year he and my mother would travel overseas, twice, thrice or sometimes four times.

AMBASSADOR Enrique Syquia

He would always bring back books from his foreign travels. He is an avid reader and a collector of biographies and histories of World War II. His library contains out-of-print books that one could only find after searching through the hundreds of second-hand bookstores of London.

I developed my love of history from reading through the collection of my father. Because I grew up in a home where books on any topic were readily available, I have always found a house to be incomplete unless it has a library, the Internet notwithstanding.

My father is intellectually gifted. He values that quality in others. He always urges my brother and me to "study hard." We were expected to be resourceful and do our own research on various issues, especially since we had lots of books. My father would limit himself to pointing us to the right book. While I wished he would sit with us and guide us through a problem, I realized that he had memoranda and briefs to finish so as to put food on our table.

Proud father

My father is particularly proud of my eldest brother, Jose Fernando (known in the family as Jofe), who, like my father, is intellectually gifted—Jofe was the first summa cum laude of the UST School of Physical Therapy (now the College of Rehabilitation Sciences). Jofe also bears a striking resemblance to my father.

While I felt that my eldest brother was the standard by which the rest of us siblings were expected to perform, fortunately we younger siblings of average intelligence, were the majority, so I never really felt the pressure to "study harder."

My father is dedicated to his work. More often than not, he is the first to arrive and last to leave his office. His staff told me that the day before his wedding, my father went to work and stayed the whole day. I imagine that my father would have gone to work on his wedding day except that it was scheduled in the morning. In fact, I often hear my father complain when holidays are declared.

My father is also a planner, and to this day, he jots down the things-to-do for the following day on a small piece of paper and crosses items out as completed in the order they are written. I often think of giving him a PDA or an electronic diary, but I see that my father is not into high-tech gadgets. He does not have a cell phone and still does some of his pleadings (unless it is dictated to his assistant) using his trusty typewriter.

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JOSE Tomas Syquia

My father, the rock

By Carlitos Siguion-Reyna

MY father's an oddball who rattles off "*Kuwan, tawagan mo nga si kuwan at sabihin mong dalhin 'yung kuwan kay kuwan*," and is oddly understood by all of us *kuwans* at home and at work.

He sired three odd ones with an equally odd woman and grandfathered six odd *apos*, each of whom suspects the others as "strange."

In their younger days, he and my mother were touring Europe with another couple. The radiator dried and stopped the car dead on some Italian highway. As the wives tried calling an auto facility from a phone booth nearby, the husbands used the bottled holy water they'd been lugging from Lourdes on the radiator, and later secretly refilled the bottles with hotel tap water.

Back in Manila, the unsuspecting wives distributed these to relatives, and after a few days my Lola Rosing called to cry out, "Santa Maria! *Nawala ang rayuma ko!*"

As kids, he separately took us along some business trips, on a helicopter or a light plane, for a bird's eye view of some pineapple plantation before touring the cannery, and once dropped messages from a Piper Cub onto the beach by the house where we were staying.

When at one time I was to be punished with a belting, I padded my butt with five briefs and faked some crying through the whole thing before he backed off with the warning "Don't do that again."

I thought I had pulled one over him, only to find out later he had used a thick, and therefore painless, belt because he did not intend to physically hurt me.

Beyond anecdotes, he consistently pushed us to fight for our rights and respect the rights of others. He encouraged us to follow our own drummers.

That he taught us the value of honesty, hard work, and open-mindedness was not really surprising for a self-made man whose life lessons I try to pass on to my children.

I don't remember my father raising his voice more than two or three times in my life. In truth, he's a relatively quiet man who likes to read a lot.

But, what a rock. I've never seen him cry and my mom says he said he's never wept in his life.

He's always there: supportive, stable and solid, a man who learned how to be a father even though he lost his own at an early age.

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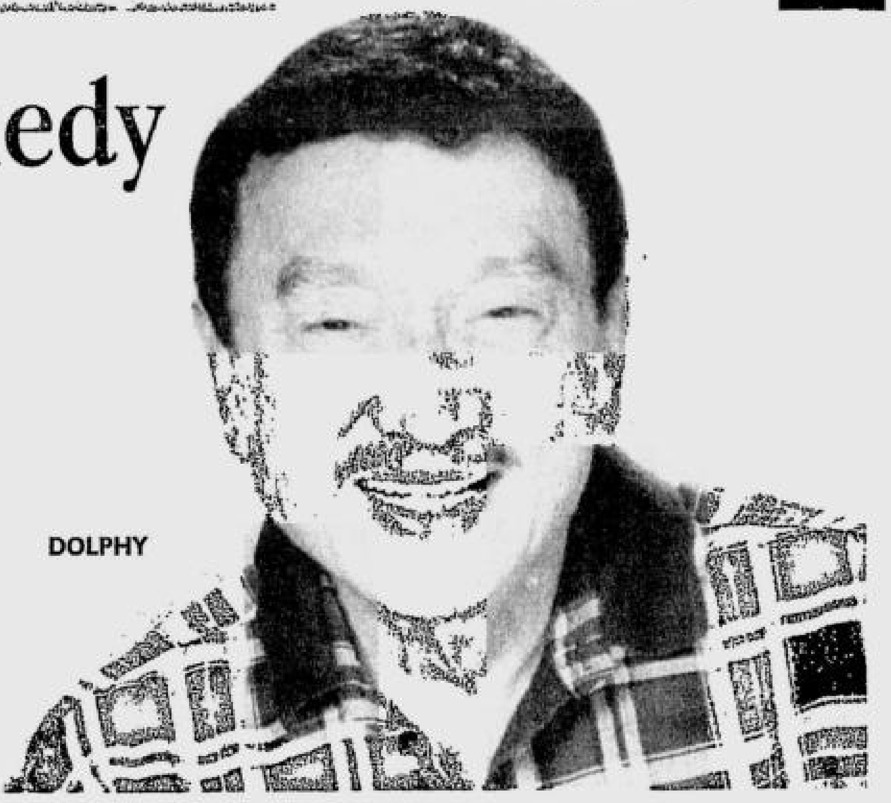

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THE JIMENEZ family with patriarch Menardo and author Butch (third and second from right)

My Popeye of a dad

By Butch Jimenez

MOST people know my father as the man who took an obscure black-and-white "Popeye" television station and built it to what it is today, GMA 7, the most respected television network in the country. I saw him take the station through problems, challenges, martial law, the turbulent years after Ninoy Aquino's assassination, three economic crises, Edsa 1, Edsa 2 and more.

His dedication to the network paid off. Upon his retirement a few years ago, that former black-and-white TV station was valued at nearly P15 billion, had a spanking new building, and was adjudged as one of the most admired companies in the Philippines by the Far Eastern Economic Review.

You would think that with such an accomplishment under such difficult circumstances, I or my three other siblings would feel that our dad just didn't have time for us.

Menardo Jimenez kept his family and network TV building together by prayer

But looking back, I'd say that he managed to lead GMA and make us kids feel he was there with us every step of the way—as we entered school, navigated through puberty, took the wild ride of adolescence, graduated, got married and charted our own careers.

I asked him once how he was able to pull such a feat off. His answer may be simplistic to some, but then again, I did see him do it for years. He prayed for us, the company, and each employee every single day. Day in and day out 24/7, out of bed, on his knees, with my mom in prayer almost always for the same thing—for his kids (now his grandkids, too), for his company and for his country.

A wise man once said that "Prayer moves the hand of Him who moves the world."

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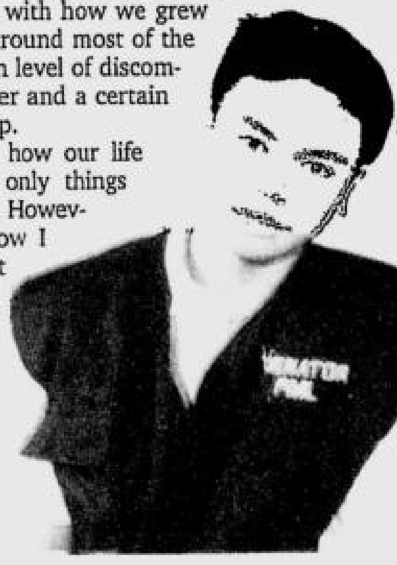

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YOUNGEST son Jeric Lacson, 19

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By Tito Agoncillo

THESE are the lessons my father taught me:

"Every grain of sand used to build this house came from the sweat of my brow."

"A man should not envy another for something he well deserves; envy should be reserved to those who do not deserve what they received or acquired."

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"A politician makes many promises to show that he is committed to progress—his own."

"A man who says he is dedicated to the public service is no fool; he dedicates public service to himself."

"William Blake is wrong when he implies that the palm of the hand was made to hold infinity; actually, it was made to grasp or be greased."

"The trouble with philosophers lies not in their failure to solve the riddles of life but in their inability to feel the pulse of life."

"A rich man who cheats a poor man is honored by society as a man of vision; a poor man who cheats a rich man is punished by being sent to jail."

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"Truth hurts but the wounds it inflicts heal, while those inflicted by falsehood kill."

Future and hope

"We look to the future with quivering hope only because the present is bleak and the past cannot be resurrected."

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"Owning up one's mistakes and sincerely praising the virtues of one's enemies are the true hallmarks of humility."

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"If history teaches no lesson, as some learned men believe, then humanity is condemned to repeat its mistakes indefinitely."

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"The funny thing about life is that it has plenty of fun that people refuse to enjoy."

"A beggar who does not act like one is more honorable than a wealthy man who begs the powers-that-be for more concessions."

"Character can be developed but integrity cannot. Witness the many men in public who have character but no integrity."

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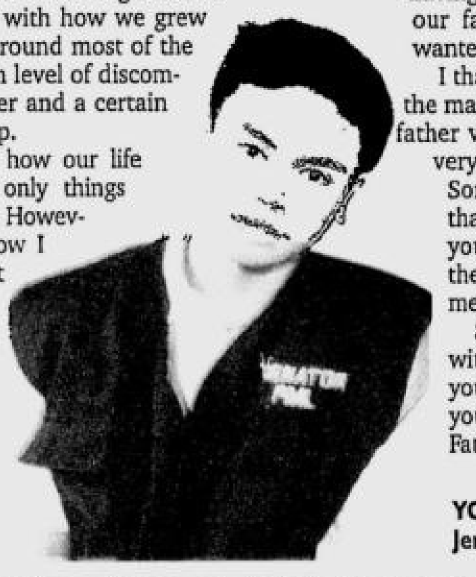

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Don't believe those who sing praises of me

By Tito Agoncillo

THESE are the lessons my father taught me:

"Every grain of sand used to build this house came from the sweat of my brow."

"A man should not envy another for something he well deserves; envy should be reserved to those who do not deserve what they received or acquired."

"Intelligence and stupidity are not necessarily mutually exclusive: one is usually found consorting blissfully with the other."

"A politician makes many promises to show that he is committed to progress—his own."

"A man who says he is dedicated to the public service is no fool; he dedicates public service to himself."

"William Blake is wrong when he implies that the palm of the hand was made to hold infinity; actually, it was made to grasp or be greased."

"The trouble with philosophers lies not in their failure to solve the riddles of life but in their inability to feel the pulse of life."

"A rich man who cheats a poor man is honored by society as a man of vision; a poor man who cheats a rich man is punished by being sent to jail."

"If a man cannot attain greatness because of serious intellectual and moral limitations, he can console himself by going into politics where mediocrity is at a premium."

"Truth hurts but the wounds it inflicts heal, while those inflicted by falsehood kill."

Future and hope

"We look to the future with quivering hope only because the present is bleak and the past cannot be resurrected."

TEODORO Agoncillo

"Owning up one's mistakes and sincerely praising the virtues of one's enemies are the true hallmarks of humility."

"If life is a dream, as Calderon de la Barca avers, then both life and dream are realistic and fantastic, divine and ridiculous."

"If history teaches no lesson, as some learned men believe, then humanity is condemned to repeat its mistakes indefinitely."

"The problem of life lies not in how much one gets out of it but in how one makes use of it."

"The fool glories in occupying a high position which he retains by acting the part of a slave; the wise man rejoices in his lowly position which he dignifies with his freedom and independence."

"The funny thing about life is that it has plenty of fun that people refuse to enjoy."

"A beggar who does not act like one is more honorable than a wealthy man who begs the powers-that-be for more concessions."

"Character can be developed but integrity cannot. Witness the many men in public who have character but no integrity."

"Don't believe the people who sing praises of me—even if what they say is true."

Success and time

"Success in life consists not in the attainment of a revered ambition but in placing oneself properly in the stream of time."

"Those who have none seek publicity to make them appear to have something; those who have, seek anonymity."

"Freedom thrives best under a tyrant, but too much freedom leads to the death of freedom itself."

"The difference between the learned man and the wise man lies in this: The learned man depends on books, while the wise man depends on experience."

"The mind sees far into the future and anticipates what will be; the heart feels that which is near and around and understands what it is."

"It is the man who occupies the position and not the position that should be given the proper respect. For it happens that a fool occupies a high position and those who give him obeisance on the strength of his position are worse than fools."

"*Utang na loob*" (debt of gratitude) and "*pakikisama*" (sense of camaraderie) are great virtues on the personal level but corrosive vices when extended to the national level."

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Martin Burnham as a father

Even in Abu Sayyaf captivity, he managed to crack a joke

MARTIN and Gracia Burnham

AMERICAN missionary Martin Burnham was one of the Abu Sayyaf hostages kidnapped from Palawan and held in the jungles of Basilan from May 27, 2001 to June 7, 2002.

Sadly, Martin was killed, along with fellow hostage Ediborah Yap, during the rescue operations.

Over a year after his death, his widow Gracia recounted their ordeal in her book "In the Presence of My Enemies." While the book has generated controversy, Gracia wrote it primarily as a tribute to the Christian testimony of Martin.

Their children, Mindy, Zach and Jeff Burnham, naturally miss their father. He was a very nice man, kind, loving, lots of fun, and easy to get along with.

Gracia remembers Martin's fatherhood style: "My kids say that we would let them go on motorbikes up into the mountains and he would let them go down the river in inner tubes... Martin was full of grace. He was lenient, not like he let them do anything they wanted to. But he was good about trusting them with things."

"...(I miss) his humor," says Gracia in another interview. "He found something funny in everything. Even in the jungle, he would come out with something funny or he would break out in song using a Filipino accent. He always made people laugh."

Now standing as both father and mother to their children, Gracia nurtures her family guided by fatherhood lessons she had learned from Martin.

"When you are two people," she says, "you can complement each other. One can be the hard one, the other one will give grace. I am a coward and I don't want to be the bad guy. I am always thinking about how I am going to sound to them: Will this sound harsh? Maybe I am too lenient on them now.

"But I don't care. I feel like I was always the one who wanted to run a tight ship and Martin wanted to have more fun. Now, I pick my battles and don't fight it unless it is really necessary.

"I am trying to be more gracious and not so stuck on doing everything that is 'right.' I am just giving a lot of grace, because that is what Martin always did."

Father's Day is a special occasion. This year, without Martin, how will the Burnhams celebrate it?

Gracia replies: "We used to take a photo every Father's Day for Martin of the kids holding a Happy Father's Day sign for him. The kids did that while we were in the jungle and amazingly, that Father's Day picture made it to us in the jungle, which made Martin feel really good.

"Martin had this little book in which he kept all of the Father's Day photos from throughout the years. I haven't found it yet in our things from the Philippines, but I am sure I will. Of course, we won't do that this year. It will just be a normal Sunday for us. But we will do something nice for Martin's father in his absence.

More of Martin and Gracia Burnham's story are found in the book "In the Presence of My Enemies," available at all National Book Store branches, PowerBooks, Christian bookstores nationwide, and OMF Literature Inc. Metro Manila (776 Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City) and Cebu City.

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WEARY, tired, and hungry, a clearly thin Martin and Gracia Burnham are closely guarded by the members of the Abu Sayyaf as they were about to be interviewed by "48 Hours" show of CBS-TV New York.

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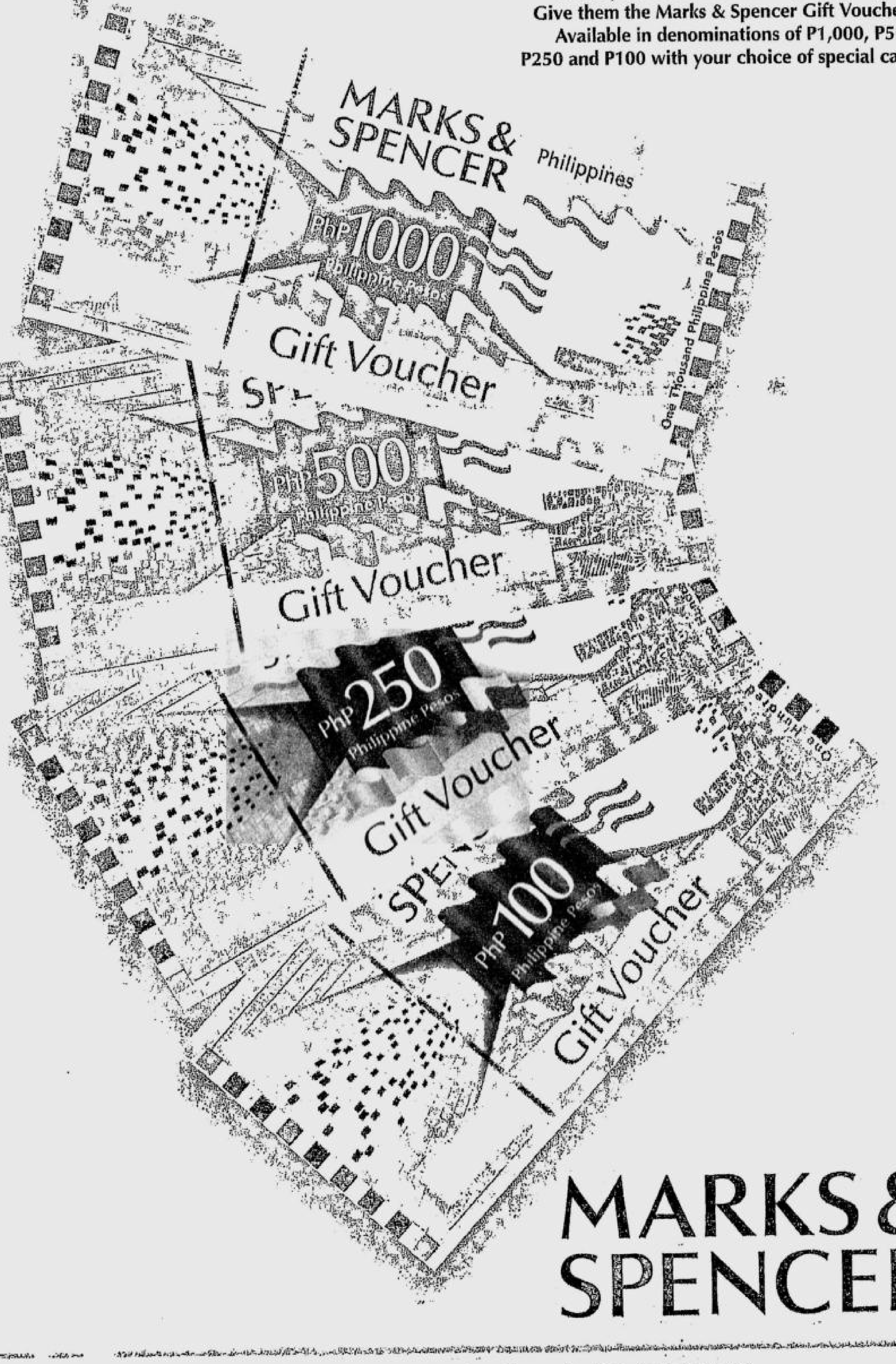

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The San Lazaro Hippodrome disappeared without much fanfare to be replaced by yet another mall

There it goes—another landmark bites the dust

By Menie Reyes Odulio
Contributor

THESE days, every time I'm two blocks away from my home, I avoid looking toward the east but focus on the road instead. The emptiness of what was once the Manila Jockey Club (MJC) compound pierces my heart· more sharply than the hot May morning sun could pierce my eyes.

In what is better known as the San Lazaro Hippodrome, the buildings have all been demolished to prepare for the construction of yet another SM mall. I kick myself, mentally thinking that maybe I could have helped prevent the disappearance of the grand old building by writing to Mayor Lito Atienza or even to the conservation society.

The *karera* was not just our neighbor. It was an integral part of our family. When I was a young girl, there was a lot of activity in our home every other week. Races were then held on alternate weekends at San Lazaro and the Santa Ana Hippodrome.

With his partner, Mr. Wright, my father was the race day contractor for the daily double, managing all selling and paying tellers, ticket revisors, stand supervisors and their assistants, and cashiers who handled the sales.

Early in the week, my eldest sister would type the payroll for the coming weekend. On Thursday mornings, my mother would go to Quinta market, then spend the next day and a half cooking food for Saturday and Sunday. She couldn't cook during the weekend as she was the daily double general cashier on race days. Everybody at MJC called her "Mommy." Later, four of my elder siblings would also work at the *karera*.

'There they go'

On Saturday mornings, our breakfast would be *putong puti* and *kuchinta* brought by Aling Mimay, a wispy, giggly spinster who worked as a ticket revisor. From midmorning, we could hear the loudspeakers blaring "There they go! And the lead is taken by...." every hour or so, until late afternoon. At around noon, relatives and family friends would come for lunch. Aside from giving race day jobs to assorted relations and friends, my parents also gave them lunch at our home.

On Sundays, we woke up at 4:30 a.m. to attend the 5:15 a.m. Mass at San Sebastian, since most of the family had to work. When I learned the third commandment, I felt guilty for a while that my parents worked on Sundays, which the Lord said was a day of rest. I eventually got over that and, when I was 12, I also started working at the *karera* with my 14-year-old sister. We didn't think of it as child labor since we were working for our father. Besides, we received adult wages and we could go home not just for lunch but for Saturday piano lessons, too.

Keeping the staff happy

Although VOE (Voice of the Employee) was unheard of then, my parents tried to keep the staff happy. Every summer, the staff would go to a resort outside Manila. I remember the excitement of walking to the big buses lined up on Felix Huertas Street full of employees and their families. We went to such places as Villa Lolita, Forest Hills, University of the Philippines Los Baños.

There would be lots of food and games.

My sister, younger brother and I joined the treasure hunt. I found a cup and saucer set hidden in a tree at Villa Lolita. I still have the cup but the saucer broke when I was still young.

Aside from the summer outing, there was the big Christmas party at our home. Weeks before the party, my parents would buy raffle prizes from Divisoria. I learned at an early age how to pack things properly from my eldest sister, who wrapped all the prizes.

A few days before the party, people would come to help with the food and decorations—Rosita, Eva, Lucy, Mimay, Linda, Ana Banana, Inday Sarmiento and her nieces, Cesar Vito and his children. We kids had fun helping with the *buntings*. One year it was paper balloons, another year it was used *karera* tickets folded to form long accordions, another year the tickets were cut in half lengthwise and stapled together to form chains. There was a rondalla although once we had a flamenco dancer. MJC management people like Mr. Beech and Mr. Limcauco attended the parties.

Rumors of sabotage

In January 1971, a fire broke out at MJC in the wee hours of the morning. Fortunately none of the neighbors, including the stables in front of our house, were damaged. There was talk of sabotage. It was alleged the fire broke out in three different places. This was before Martial Law was declared, and pillbox bombs were not uncommon.

The rumors were never confirmed, and the MJC management simply started rebuilding. The fire gutted the wooden parts of the hippodrome and the vines and *mabolo* trees facing Felix Huertas. The round façade, the lobby with the big round pillars, the huge spiral concrete staircases on both sides that went all the way to the fourth floor and floor-to-ceiling windows remained as they were before the war.

My father didn't get to see the reopening of the MJC. Always in poor health, his condition worsened after the fire. They said that maybe the shock of losing his means of livelihood and the fear of losing his home if the fire was not contained, depressed him. He died in August of that same year.

Life went on. The race day employees were now directly under the MJC management. We returned to our old jobs. I even got promoted and would later work for the general cashier who, of course, was my mother. More races were added, extending racing hours to evening.

I stayed at MJC until extra-curricular activities in college prevented me from reporting for work regularly.

More races

My mother and two siblings continued to work for MJC. By then, there were also races on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, aside from every other weekend. Even after my mother retired, she would still go to the *karera* on race days, enjoying the company of her former co-workers and friends and making the occasional bet.

Because of her connections with the MJC, she was appointed barangay chair during the pre-barangay election days. My mother and two siblings were also members of the MJC Joggers, composed of MJC management people and employees who jogged, including club president Leo Prieto (by this time, my mother was in her 70s, and she actually just walked) on Roxas Boulevard three times a week. When the MJC management changed, the activity ceased. My mother turned 80, buried a son, and became sickly. She died three years ago.

I don't remember when the loudspeaker stopped blaring "There they go!" It must've been in the late '70s or early '80s because my children don't remember. It only hit me last April, when they started demolishing the buildings, and I felt so sad.

My kids did not quite empathize. The *karera* was never a part of their lives. It was just a landmark on our street which caused heavy traffic on alternate Tuesdays, Wednesdays and weekends. And now in its place will be an SM Mall. That will probably become a part of their lives. We just hope the traffic won't be so bad.

Menie Reyes Odulio has lived on Felix Huertas Street all her life, except briefly in the early years of her marriage when she and her husband and eldest son lived in Cabanatuan.

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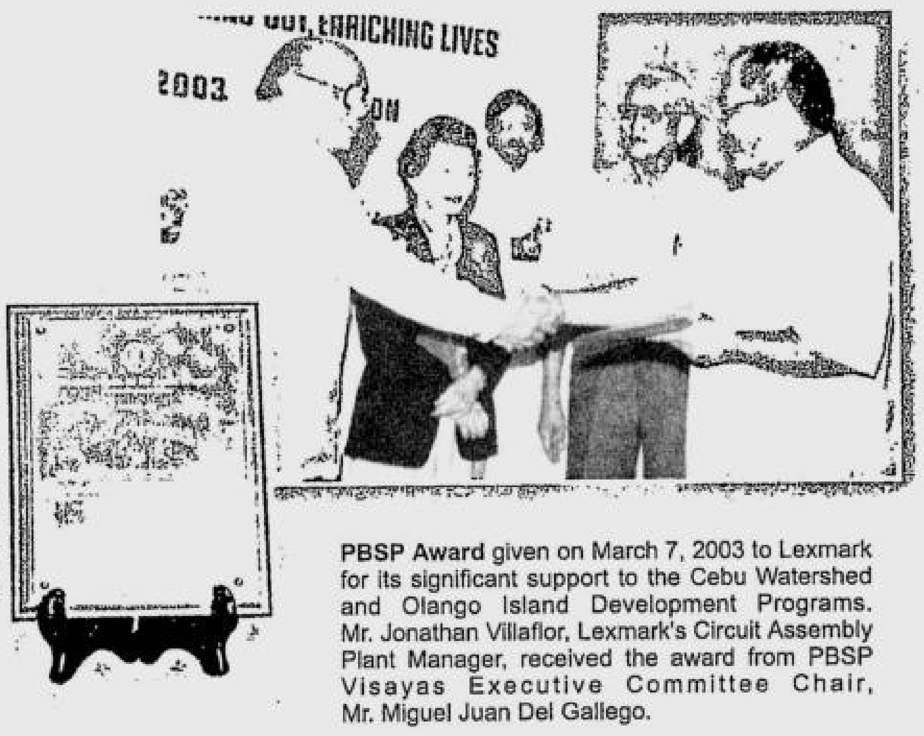

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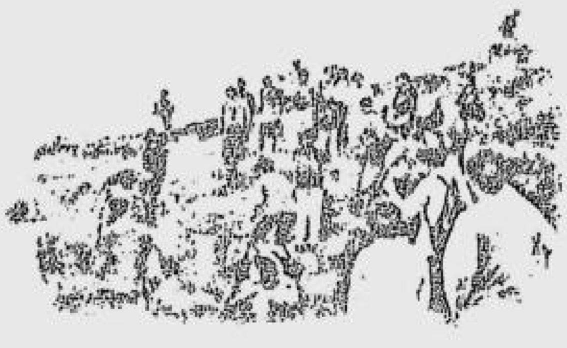

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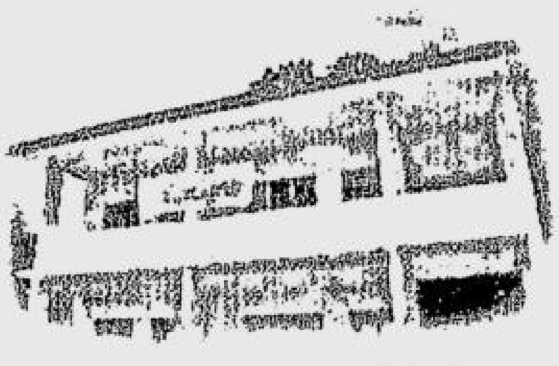

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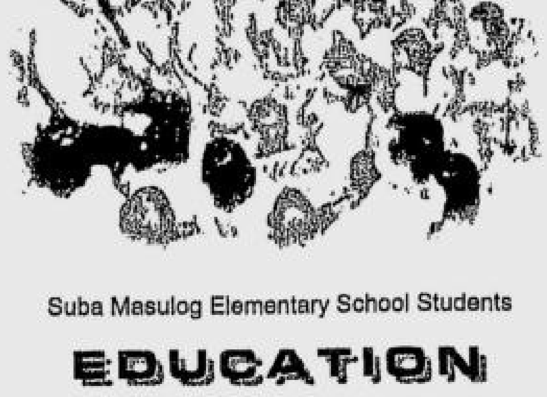

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Diplomats paint for environment

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

YOU gotta hand it to the *pangulo* of Linis-Ganda, the irrepressible **Narda Camacho**, who gathered 45 members of the diplomatic corps, some of them ambassadors' ladies, to donate their time and talent under the tutelage of the multi-awarded Dr. **Teruko Haga** and **Rafael Pacheco**.

A total of 54 oil paintings, as well as many others works, done by the distinguished group were exhibited for sale at the lobby of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the second year to raise funds for the environmental efforts of Metro Manila Linis-Ganda.

The works of art were done by Indian Ambassador **Navrekha Sharma**, Laotian Ambassador **Phiane Philakone**, Malaysian Ambassador **Mohamed Taufik Noor**, Austrian Ambassador Dr. **Christian Krepela** and his spouse, Irmgard; Finnish Ambassador **Raimo Antolla's** spouse and daughter, **Piiyu** and **Lotta**; both Cuban Ambassador **Ramon Medina** and his spouse; Sri Lankan Ambassador **P.G. Karunasiri** and his wife **Sakuntala**; Thai Ambassador **Busba Bunnag**; **Mercedes, Sang Ek**, wife of Cambodian Ambassador **Ek Sereywath**; the pretty Brunei Ambassador **Hajah Maimunah Dato Paduka Haji Elias**; **Grace Inije**, wife of Nigerian Ambassador **Raymond Inije**; **Mariana Hubbard**, wife of Mexican Ambassador **Enrique Hubbard**; **Nan Phaung**, spouse of Myanmar Ambassador **U Tin Htun**; and Consuls **Helen Ong**, **Fortune Ledesma** and **Evie Costa**.

Titled "A Tribute to the Environment," the exhibit was held as part of the celebration of World Environment Day. At the recep-

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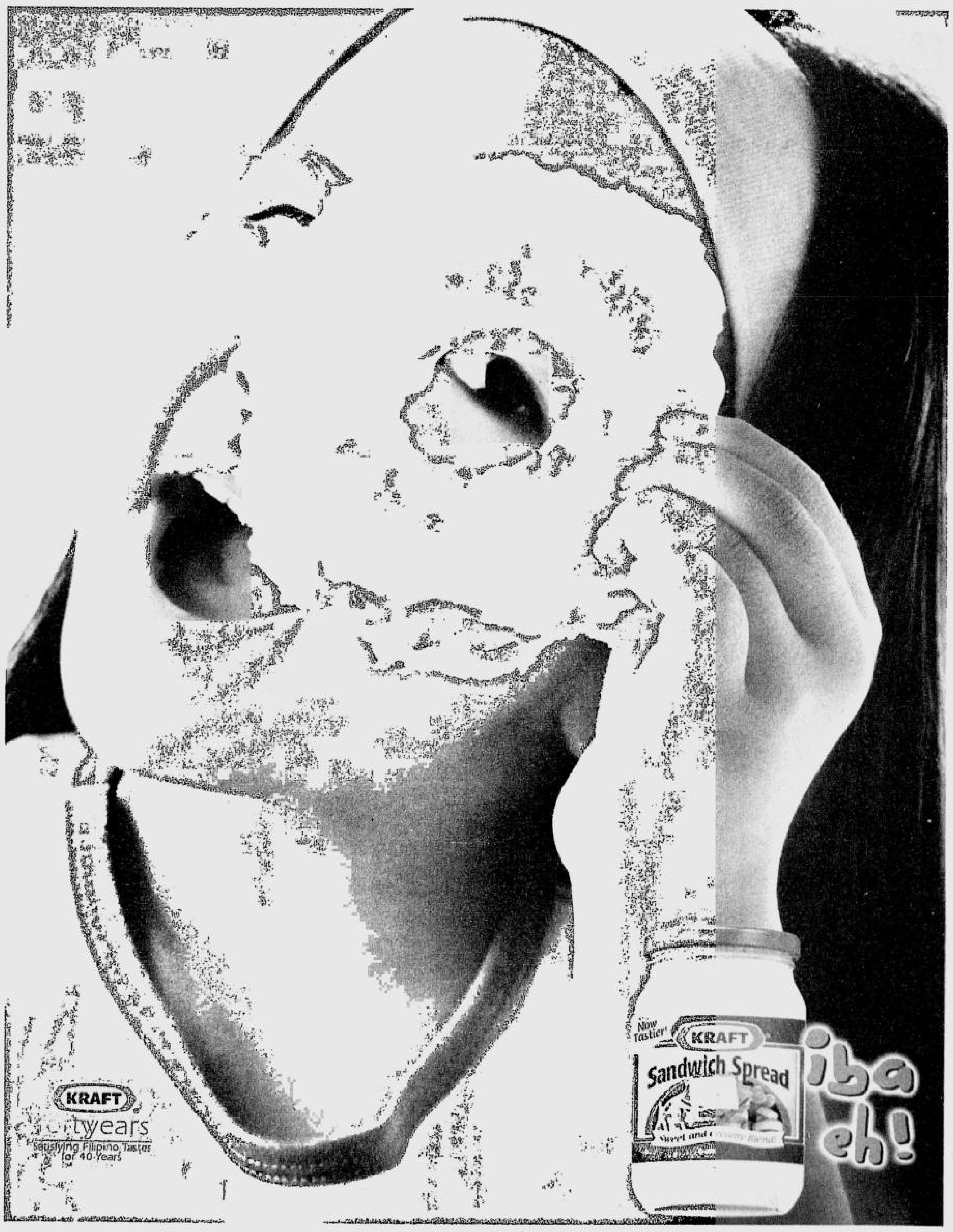


TRAVEL

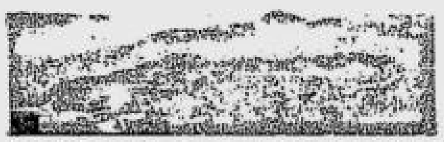
Editor **Rosario A. Garcellano**

An old (but new) world

Text and photos by Baboo Mondoñedo

SPAIN, with which the Philippines has a shared history, is the ideal jump-off point for Filipinos going to Europe.

There are two Spains, according to the poet Antonio Machado. One is the dying Spain, or "yesterday's Spain—rural, provincial, of wealthy landowners, overlaid with Calderonian morals and still mourning the loss of the colonies." And the other is just beginning to live, seeking a radical transformation from a contemporary perspective.



VIEW of the Pyrenees mountain chain on a clear day

The philosopher and essayist Jose Ortega y Gasset sees two Spains struggling to "overcome each other." They are the "Spain of Officialdom" identified with the monarchy ("archaic, aristocratic, conservative, powerful but decadent"), and the "Spain of Vitality," now referred to as "the New Spain" ("modernist, democratic and liberal").

When Juan Carlos I was proclaimed king before the Parliament in 1975, he envisioned a monarchy in touch with the people. It was a departure from Francoism, and the king knew there was need to heal the wounds of the civil war and end the struggle between the "two Spains."

The Constitution was put in place in 1978, allowing both the Left and the Right to take turns in holding power. It provided for the right to autonomy of the nationalities and regions that make up the Spanish nation—a 180-degree change from the regime of the dictator Francisco Franco. By the end of the century the two Spains had "reconciled," and they have a king who is king of all Spaniards.

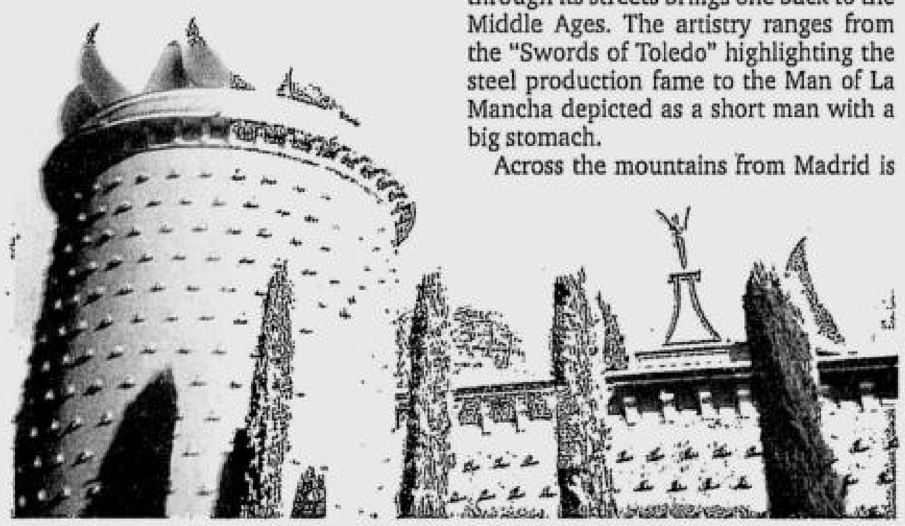
A knowledge of Spain can help the Filipino search for his or her identity because it left a wide influence on Filipino culture, language, food, arts and religion.

Traveling through Spain brings one to an Old World marked with the efficiency of the modern world. There are centuries-old structures as there are an efficient road network and transportation and communication systems.

Glorious food

Spain is among the top European destinations, drawing more than 50 million tourists a year.

The culinary writer Rafael Anton wrote that Spain became a gastronomy leader in the 21st century. For making the country's culinary offering a primary attraction, he credited the efforts of the farmers, livestock breeders, fishermen, wine producers, industrialists, chefs, restaurateurs, writers, publishers, journalists, distributors, civil servants and consumers.



THE BUILDING housing the Dali Museum in Figueras

Spain's varied climatic and soil conditions make it possible to grow a variety of fruits to include tropical fruits like the mango and pineapple. Its coastlines in the Bay of Biscay, the Atlantic in both north and south, the coasts of the Canary Islands, and the Mediterranean in the east and south are why the markets and restaurants offer an infinite variety of top-quality fish.

Visitors are treated to a wide range of Spanish cuisine, as every region has a cooking of its own that is an expression of its culture. What is common to all regions is "slow food," in the truly Spanish fashion of eating your meal slowly, like three hours (which is good for digestion), with good company and good conversation.

During a recent visit, we had a surfeit of Spanish dishes. The serving of *cuchinillo* (roasted young pig) at Candido's in Segovia was a performance in itself. It was carried in and the chef cut it up using the rim of the plate, after which he threw the plate on the floor where it broke into pieces.

We had comfort food—*fabada Asturiana*, the Spanish bean stew with *chorizo, morcillas*, pork belly and spices. We tried *paella* in different ways, and they came in big servings. A challenging meal was tackling lobster claws at the marina.

We bit into Manchego cheese and Iberian Jabugo ham, made from pig fed only with berries, acorns and chestnuts, distinguished from the others by its black feet. We tried lamb two ways: as fried cutlets and a roasted shoulder. We had *tapas* of *chorizo, calamares, jamon serrano,* and fresh steamed shrimp, grilled fish and anchovies in oil.

There were also opportunities to enjoy the sweets—custards and cream, *marzipan* and *polvoron*.

At one point, needing a break from too much good Spanish food, we sought Chinese food.

Architecture

From Madrid, we made day trips to Toledo and Segovia.

Toledo was the capital of Spain until 1560 and is considered an architectural treasure. It remains a fortified town with medieval architecture, and walking through its streets brings one back to the Middle Ages. The artistry ranges from the "Swords of Toledo" highlighting the steel production fame to the Man of La Mancha depicted as a short man with a big stomach.

THE GOTHIC CATHEDRAL in the old Roman town in Barcelona

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Across the mountains from Madrid is Segovia, another old town where a Gothic cathedral and the Alcazar castle are located. Monastic art is found here, such as rose-petal rosaries linked together in the solitude and silence of the Carmelite convent. Unesco has declared Segovia a World Heritage Site .

From Barcelona, we visited the Dali Museum in Figueras, the Cistercian monastery in Poblet, Monserrat, and the Torre wine-producing estate, and drove along the coast through Costa Brava.

The "Teatre-Museu Dali" traces the artistic experiences of Salvador Dali from impressionism, futurism and cubism and surrealistic creations to his last works. The museum occupies the old Municipal Theatre, in whose lobby Dali had his first exhibition. The Figueras museum is one of three in Spain, the other two being in Pubol and in Port Lligat.

The monastery of Santa Maria de Poblet is located between the towns of Vombodi and L'Espluga de Francoli, on the slopes of the Prades mountains. Poblet ranks among Europe's foremost works of monastic architecture and is an outstanding example of Cistercian .art. The monastery was built between the 12th and 13th centuries and in its early years drew its revenue from farming.

Monserrat is a mountain range famous for the Benedictine monastery and hermitages and magnificent rock formations and sculpted peaks. From here, one can see the snow-capped Pyrenees mountain chain and, on a clear day, the Mediterranean waters.

The Museum of Monserrat displays *objets d'art*—archaeology, gold and silver work, paintings and sculptures of well-known names such as Monet, Picasso, Rusinol and Casas.

THE FAITHFUL singing and dancing after Mass

Wine connoisseurs will find a visit to the Torres vineyards in Villafranca del Penedies most interesting. Here, one is shown around the plant and offered to taste a variety of their wines.

The house of Torres was built in 1870 and has since expanded to California and Chile.

The Sagrada Familia is known to be Gaudi's dream and work. It is the only cathedral in the world still being constructed, funded by churchgoers, devotees and tourists' entrance fees.

The Poble Espanyol, built in 1929, is situated at the foot of Mount Montjuic. It is a Spanish village that portrays different peoples, cultures and the arts of Spain.

A walk through the Gothic Quarter in the old Roman town was like going back 2,000 years. Walking further on, we hit Ramblas, a promenade with restaurants, small hotels on both sides and the public market. Here, we encountered flower vendors, artists and crafts people selling their wares, and musicians and theater performances.

Filipino presence

From Ramblas, we turned into Raval, where we were told many Filipinos reside.

According to Philippine Ambassador Lani Bernardo, there are 45,000 Filipinos in Spain. He told us about a program, Los Descendientes de Los Ultimo de Filipinos, that traces the ancestry of Filipinos in that country

While it took the Americans only 50 years to have a Phil-Am Friendship Day, it took more than 400 years for the first Filipino-Spanish Friendship Day to be designated on June 30 this year.

The bill instituting Phil-Spanish Friendship was authored by Sen. Edgardo Angara and was signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo last Feb. 5. The date commemorates the decree issued by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in 1899 to consider as friends of the state and give safe passage to 33 surviving soldiers of the last Spanish Garrison who staged the "Siege of Baler."

TRAVELBRIEFS

Food trip

FOODIES are invited to take a food trip to the lakeshore towns of Batangas on June 24.

The tour starts with Balayan's famous roast-pig festival, the "Parada ng mga Lechon," followed by a sampling of the province's other culinary delights in a buffet lunch by the shores of Lake Taal, with a panoramic view of the volcano. The menu includes the delectable *tawilis*, a fish found only in the lake; *sinaing na tulingan*, cooked the Batangueño way; and if luck will have it, the rare *maliputo*.

After lunch, participants will be treated to a tour of Taal's Heritage Village, conducted by resident historian and raconteur Dindo Montenegro. A visit to landmarks like the Basilica of St. Martin de Tours and Our Lady of Caysasay Church gains added relevance with Dindo's spiels.

Also in Taal, a native *merienda* of *suman, empanada* with *kapeng barako* or *tsokolate* awaits.

For reservations, call Inscribe Tours at 575-8370, 840-5912 or 0919-818-4697.

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ADAMS Express Travel is likewise planning a day-long excursion highlighted by the "Parada ng mga Lechon" on June 24.

Also on the itinerary are a buffet lunch of Batangas specialties on Lake Taal, visits to the apparition site in Carmel, Lipa, and the lovely Calaruega in Tagaytay City. Call 521-1651 or 98 for reservations.

Four-day swing

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city, is home to some of the world's tallest buildings and historical and cultural attractions. The former British colony is also a showcase of the blend of Oriental and Western cultures and architectures.

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'Pahiyas' in Macau

THE PHILIPPINES' biggest harvest festival, the "Pahiyas," was recently celebrated for the first time in Macau.

Organized by the local Quezonian Association and supported by the Macau Special Administrative Region government and the many Catholic parishes there, the Pahiyas drew a crowd of over 2,000.

Macau is known for a rich cultural heritage derived from both Chinese and Portuguese influences, and its streets are always bustling with activity. Whether it's in a solemn procession of the faithful from St. Dominic's Church to Penha Hill, or a clangorous Drunken Dragon Parade, or engaging Portuguese folk music and dance, the people of Macau come together to relive tradition and celebrate life, displaying an infectious spirit that continues to lure tourists.

For more information on Macau's one-of-a-kind events and exciting tour packages, call the Macau Government Tourist Office at 830-2005.

Another homecoming for Bohol's sons and daughters

WHETHER they are in America, or Europe, or Asia or Latin America, Boholanos never stray far from their beautiful province, in memory at least.

But next month many of them will be home again to store even more fond memories. In July, the Tigum Bol-anon sa Tibuok Kalibutan (TBTK) could overshadow, even if only briefly, the Sandugo Festival, the reenactment of the blood compact between Bohol's Rajah Sikatuna and Spain's Miguel Lopez de Legazpi on March 16, 1565.

The TBTK will gather for the second time people from Francisco Dagohoy's home province, now living in different parts of the world.

The first TBTK was held on July 19 to 25, 1999. Like the first TBTK, this year's will usher in the Sandugo Festival.

On July 11, a meeting between President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the Boholanos Association in Metro Manila, Inc. (BAMMI) in Malacañang will signal the official start of the TBTK. Activities in Bohol will include fellowship nights, eco-cultural tours, sports competitions and an international food festival, cultural nights and awarding of exemplary Boholanos living abroad.

A grand parade will be held on July 13 and on the 20th, the Sandugo Street Dancing will be held.

It is not all revelry and merriment, however. The International Investment Forum on the 16th could present various opportunities to the business sector.

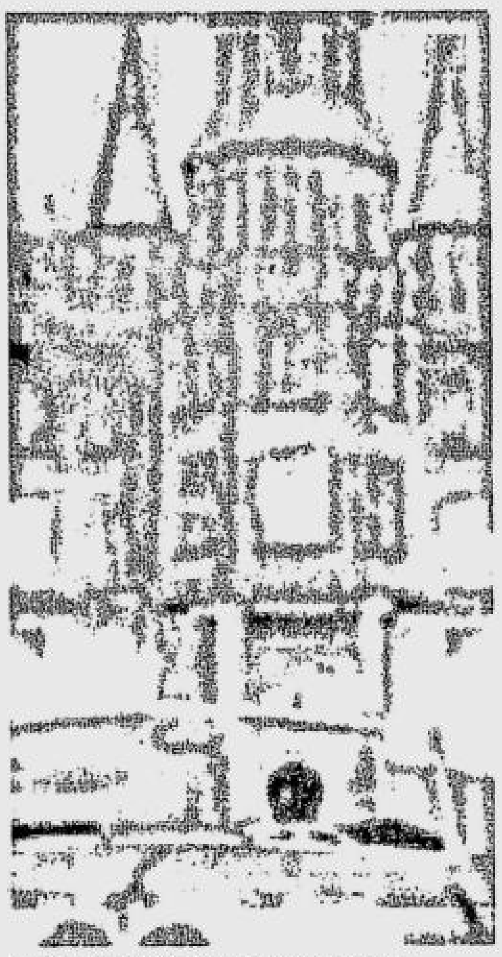
In addition to the Chocolate Hills, powdery white-sand beaches, pristine rivers and falls, and caves, Bohol will add another tourist attraction during the festivities in the form of the Miss Bohol International Pageant on the 19th.

Also included in the TBTK activities is a medical mission with volunteer doctors, nurses and other health professionals providing medical services, distributing medicines and vitamins, and conducting feeding programs at the City Hall ground on July 18.

The New York-based Home Reach Foundations, together with the Philippine Heart Center (PHC) and Gift of Life Philippines, will perform open heart surgeries for some 30 patients for free. The first time for PHC to perform heart operations outside Manila, the July 21 to 25 surgeries will be held at the Gallares Hospital.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon reportedly wants other provinces to organize something like the TBTK.

Overseas Boholanos formed the Cyber Boholano Network to reach and encourage their provincemates to go home for TBTK. Boholano organizations drew up the "Article of Commitment" after the first TBTK that enjoined them to hold activity once every four years.



THE WEARY traveler approaches the haunted Bane Manor

Fun and fright at amusement park

ENCHANTED Kingdom (EK), the country's premiere theme park, has a new attraction: the 4D (4-Dimensional) Discovery Theater.

The 4D Discovery Theater offers a unique visual-sensory experience to theater lovers through vivid 3D images and special effects such as wind-blowing, water-spraying and leg tickling.

For its initial film, EK is presenting "Escape From Bane Manor," a horror film ride.

The movie has moving statues and gothic vampires, ghosts and goblins—all the ingredients for a fun frightfest.

The 30-seater 4D Discovery Theater boasts of a sophisticated screen that allows life-like 3D images to move in and around (possessed gargoyles and other lifeless objects spring toward the audience for a fang-filled smooch); and a special chair that lets viewers experience sensory effects.

Admission to the theater is at P40 for EK Day Pass holders and P80 for Carousel Special ticket holders.

EK takes a short break after the long summer season. The park is closed from June 2 to 12 and will resume on June 13.

For its special rainy day schedule, EK will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. starting June 14 until Aug. 31. Shuttle services at P100 (one way) per person are available at the Ayala Center terminal.

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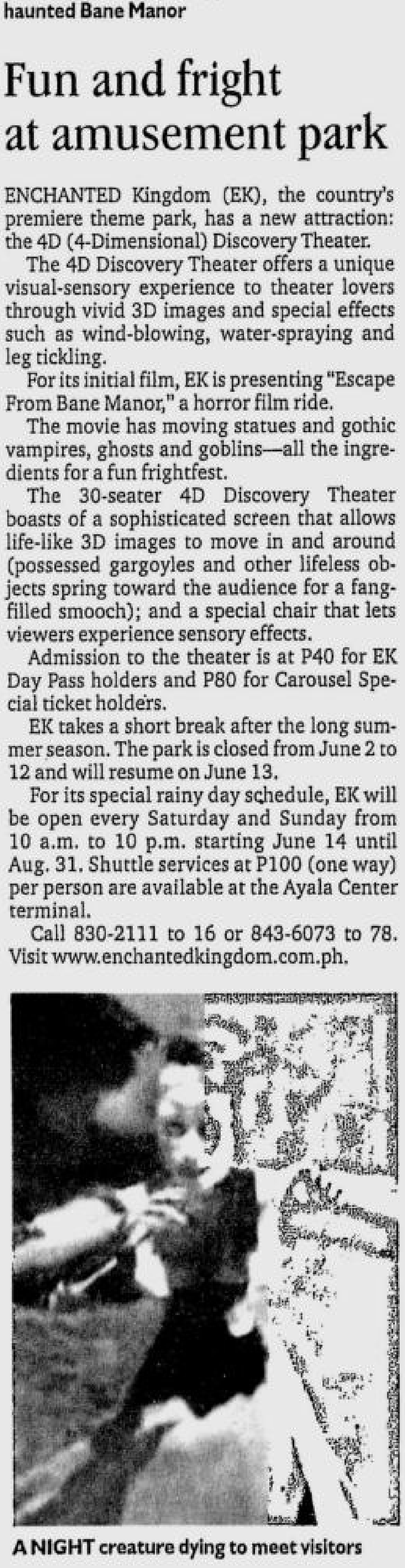

A NIGHT creature dying to meet visitors

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Tony Roma's world famous for ribs is an American family restaurant chain that offers the widest range of ribs from tender, lean pork ribs to meaty beef ribs. Its house specialty, the award-winning Baby Back Ribs is cut from the choicest tenderloin and basted with the original barbecue sauce, the meat is reputed to be so tender, it practically falls off the bone.

Other than ribs, Tony Roma's also specializes in other flame-grilled sensations such as sizzling steaks, legendary barbecued chicken, succulent seafood and popular American cuisine such as onion loaf, potato skins, baked potato soup, salads and hamburgers. Portion are generous and value for money.

From 15 June till 31 August, Tony Roma's rewards all dine-in guests in a Sure Win Lucky Dip* where meal vouchers such as complimentary appetizers or drinks and instant discounts on their meals up to 100% can be won.

On 15 June this Father's Day, all dads will also receive a limited edition Tony Roma's T-shirt with a minimum spending of P2,500.

So visit with Tony Roma's during this promotion period and feast on the world's best ribs and other flame-grilled sensations. Who knows, you might just be one of the lucky winners to receive a free meal on us.

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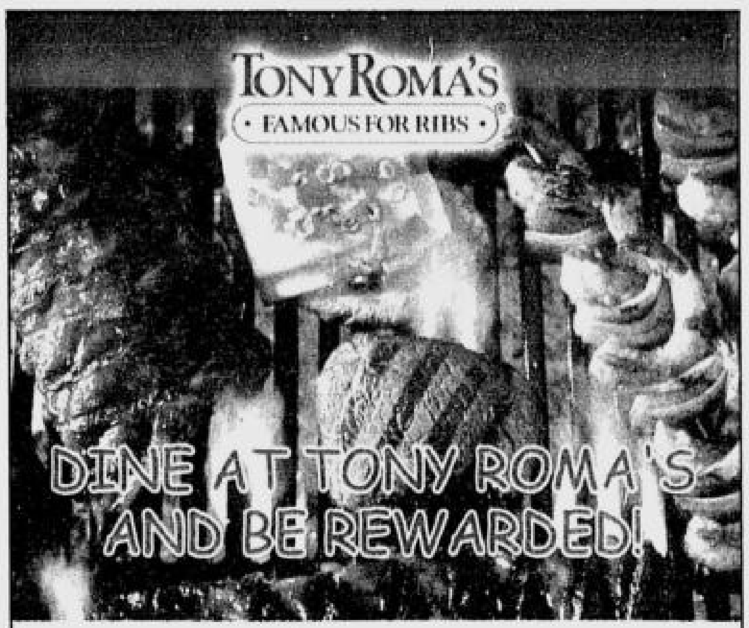

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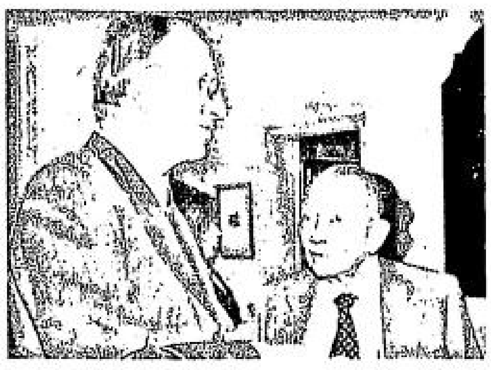
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Diplomats paint for environment

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tion at the DBP, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary **Bebette Gozun**, together with the dean of the diplomatic corps, Venezuelan Ambassador **Milena Santana Ramirez**; **Lena Hakansson**, wife of Swedish Ambassador **Ulf Hakansson**; DBP president **Simon Paterno**; and French Ambassador, the elegant **Renee Veyret**, cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the exhibit.

Ambassador Veyret and many of the guests were on their way to Mandarin Oriental for the much-awaited opening of the French Spring in Manila but spared the time to show their support for the campaign to protect the environment.

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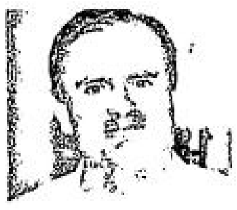
On the occasion of the Italian National Day, Ambassador **Umberto** and Signora **Clara Colesanti** threw open their residence on a blustery evening in June to members of the diplomatic corps such as Czech Republic Ambassador **Stanislav Slavicky**, United States Ambassador **Francis** and Dr. **Marie Ricciardone**, Libyan Ambassador **Salem Adam**, Romanian Chargé d'Affaires Dr. **Radu** and Mme. **Georgette Homescu**, Australian Ambassador **Ruth Pearce**, Canadian Ambassador **Robert** and **Marilyn Collette**, Russian Ambassador and Mme. **Anatoly Nebogatov**, Dutch Ambassador **Theo Arnold** and his spouse, **Kessara Charoonkolaraksa Phromsakha Na Sakhoinakhorn**, and friends like **Nedy Tantoco, Isabel Wilson, Patrick Jacinto, Doris Ho, Freddy** and **Nena Borromeo, Al** and **Nena Casimiro** and, of course, **Baby Arenas**.

What better way to spend a rainy evening than enjoying Italian wine and homemade pasta dishes?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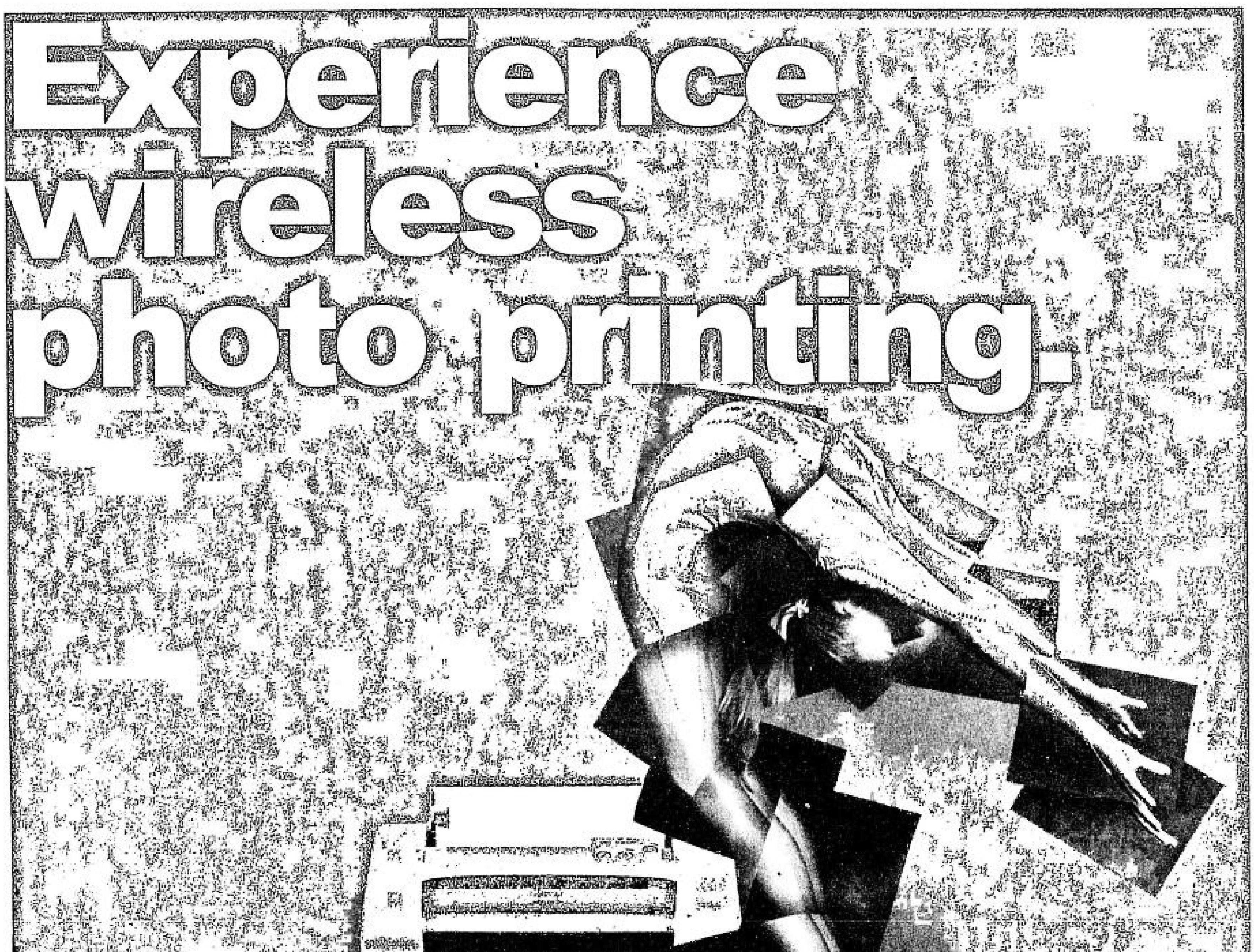
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

8 things couples can do that won't make the List

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

AFTER all that lapping, spinning and pounding, it's wonderful to be back in my stilettos again. My hair can once again be highlighted since I won't be under sun and sea for a while. I can continue to keep my night-shift hours while munching junk food and sending corny text jokes. But thanks to the triathlon that I semi-completed, I've started a fitness program just to shed off the underarm dingle-dangle (as well as all the other flabby areas that were shifting around while I was running).

Working out for me does not come naturally. I may as well be asked to defy gravity. But one thing I realized is that it's not that difficult to have discipline, as long as there is determination and perseverance. I am no Wonder Woman in the Wide World of Sports, but I think my expertise is in the Exciting World of Socializing.

Talk of the town these days is the infamous Top 100 Invite List drawn up by the Philippine Tatler, where people were ranked into the most invited guests based on their "invitability" and "desirability." But socializing for me is not so much mingling with the cream of society, but enjoying an evening of fun with friends, whether it's a simple dinner or just hanging out in a bar.

I noted that quite a number of the people on the List were couples. How strange then that although we have all these Hallmark holidays such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Secretaries' Day, etc., we actually don't celebrate a Couples' Day. The more I think about it, the more I'm convinced we should celebrate a Couple's Day, where only couples can take time off from their daily events. But I guess that would be difficult for men who have mistresses, wouldn't it?

As for me, having been married for almost nine years, I realize that even both my husband and I lead full lives on our own, crossing paths throughout the day only through little texts (even text jokes sent to a group count), we still do couple stuff—usually a late dinner or a social engagement of some sort during the week.

Any small event can be counted as a social affair which can be shared by a couple. Here are some suggestions or ideas that might help boost the couple rating, especially since today is Father's Day.

1. Attend an art exhibit together. New dad **Patrick Paez** with his city chic wife, **Daphne Oseña**, graced the opening night of Left Climate. The hip magazine/gallery shop of **Rock** and **Ces Drilon**

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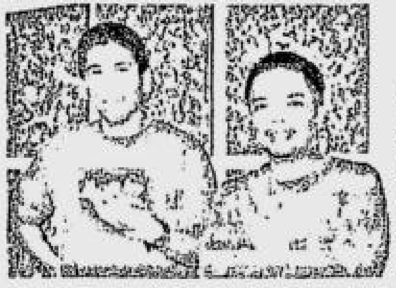

ARTWORLD buddies MG Ebro and cool artist Popo San Pascual

FINE art and beauty Pardo de Leon

ATHLETIC couple Howard Vitas and Amanda Carpo

PARTY folks Paul Cabral, Andrea Bautista and Arnold Vegafria

WHO'S the hunkiest of them all? Archie Rodriguez, Anton San Diego, Diether Ocampo and JR Isaac

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FIRST-TIME Mommies, all! Ingrid Go, Suzi Abrera and Reggie Barrientos

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SISTERS sharing Mommy stories: Angela Arroyo and Emilie Yupangco

PRETTY shower hosts Barbie Pardo and Nina Ynares

GENTLEMEN diners Dennis Valdes and Arnold McKenzie

TEXAN lawyer David Lin with the Sea Princess

SUPERMAN Sen. Franklin Drilon with lovely wife Mila at Kai restaurant

HAPPY dads Rikki Dee and Sander Tantoco

8 things couples can do tha

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called Mag:net Gallery recently showed paintings by modern abstract artists **Pardo de Leon** and **Popo San Pascual**. Both are students of **Roberto Chabet**, whom they fondly call their nutty professor. I didn't realize I owned a vintage Pardo until that evening. Both of these artists exhibit an excellent, impressionist eye for color and precision. I still have to commission Popo to do my portrait all in dots, in the pointillist style of Seurat. My daughter, **Annika**, will want hers done, too.

2. Be a guest at the launch of a new magazine. More and more men's magazines have been cropping up in the market. Just this quarter, the Mega group added Manual, their newest publication geared for the more stylish, intellectual men. Clearly containing less bare-skin bombshells than FHM, the articles are quite interesting and more fashionable. Their premiere issue even has my brother **Paolo Prieto**'s main squeeze, **Ciara Sevilla**, on the last page. Kicking off with a fashion show launch at the NBC Tent, I will surely see this magazine next to the Playboy issues in my male friends' bathrooms.

Uno Magazine published its Collector's premiere issue a few weeks ago. Also geared for the male population, the ultimate swimsuit section will definitely lure males to get a copy. **Pops Fernandez** has some quite revealing, sexy shots, and **Diether Ocampo** has a special feature, too.

Athletic couple **Howard Vitas** and **Amanda Carpo** got their copies as they tried to win the raffle prizes during the magazine launch at Mati Restaurant and Bar in Rockwell.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Madame Imelda Marcos flanked by Lina Ross and Dr. Boya Mohindar of Tatler

Looking through the the pages of these magazines, I am wondering if it's time to get those breast implants in place .

3. Show up at your wife's baby shower. I guess this goes only for the first-born child since the father is normally in the golf course when he already has multiple offspring. **Paolo** and **Suzi Abrera**, who are also expectant parents, attended the baby shower of **Ingrid Go** hosted by **Barbie Pardo**.

Temple Bar had never seen so many expectant mothers and baby booties inside their otherwise clubbing bar. A celestial theme party in blue and yellow was complete with party games and prizes. There were three pregnant mothers, including **Reggie Jacinto-Barrientos**, all ready to pop, but all the gals managed to look like they were having a grand time. Of course, they also complained about not being able to see their stubby feet and running to the toilet every hour or less. Just wait until the baby comes—then they'll forget all the difficulties over the past nine months!

4. Have dinner with some famous or distinguished personalities. Philippine Tatler editor **Anton San Diego** hosted a dinner at Kai Restaurant in Greenbelt 2 for his visiting boss, **Dr. Boya Mohindar** and his wife **Lina Ross**.

The evening was quite interesting as we talked about various topics, from intrigues in the media world to former US President **Clin-**

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t won't make the List

What if you don't make it to the List? Write your own and make yourself no. 1, 'di ba, palangga?'

ton's extra-curricular activities as recounted by **Hillary**. Of course, since former First Lady **Imelda Marcos** was there with her Texan lawyer **David Lin**, we talked about the days of the Marcos era. Not that I remember any of it! I sat there just wondering how Madame Marcos rolls her floor length hair into her classic 'do and where lawyer Lin buys all his western boots.

5. Get into the '80s groovy era. For the past Fridays, Dream Bar has been transformed into a time warp '80s bar where all the music of that decade plays into the wee hours of the morning. **Teddy** and **Janine Dario**, and the whole NBK gang "Rock with You, all night!" I don't know if it's a good move to identify with the music though, because then we would date ourselves. For instance, Anton San Diego was asked the year he graduated from International School by some students who were being featured. Imagine the utter shock he felt when they collectively said, "Oh, that is the year we were born."

We are now at the point in our lives when we are attending more reunions than graduations. And the '80s is now just one more popular theme decade, when once we felt it was such a swinging time. It's not my batch, but I have to digress at this point and plug the Assumption HS Batch 80, which is hosting an evening of swinging '80s music and nostalgic fun on June 18 at Manila Polo Club. I just hope my age does not start to show underneath all my theatrical makeup and outfits.

6. Celebrate a friend's birthday party. Always plan a back-up surprise guest if the real surprise party does not fall through. **Anton Barretto** knew about his party by the time he walked into my house. The one who was really shocked was **Mons Tantoco**, who didn't know about the planned surprise party for Anton given by his Cereo and Pineapple gang. Good thing I was dressed as Wonder Woman—to his delight since the party theme was the new Justice League. One thing I learned that evening is that Wonder Woman has black hair and not red, the color of the wig I wore. But wasn't Linda Carter a carrot top? And Robin, Batman's sidekick, got booted out of the League. I guess even first-rate heroes can discriminate against lesser heroes.

There is even Hawk Girl and a Martian Man. Now I know I have crossed into my parent's generation.

7. Get a good laugh at Comfort Room Comic Club. Laughter is indeed cheer-up medicine. If you guys are having problems getting along or just need to loosen up, this place should clear all the black clouds. And if both of you are too lazy to go out, check out a website endorsed by an e-mail writer to me, from a **Christopher de Leon**-nicknamed **Topher**. Could it be from Mr. Millionaire himself? But then, he's Boyet, isn't he? At any rate the site is called www.tristancafe.com—*ang tambayan ng mga walang magawa sa buhay.*

GREAT IN GOLD. Leica Carpo and Juan Miguel Ongsiako

MY *PALANGGA* Maurice Arcache with baker queen Ana Martha Moreno

'80S SWINGING couple Teddy and Janine Dario

NON-FAT RULES. Tricia Cu-Unjieng and Celine Lopez

STYLE buddies Hindy Tantoco and Patrick Reyno

With a tag line like that, you'll surely be in stitches.

8. Host a dinner among friends for no reason at all. My party buddy, Patrick Reyno, gathered his close friends for an evening of good food and great company as an excuse to welcome back some vacationing folks.

Actually, there was no reason at all since Patrick's birthday had been celebrated over and over again. With the delicious menu prepared by Margarita Fores and an extensive bar complete with Grey Goose Vodka, which was highly recommended by controversial columnist, my *palangga*, Maurice Arcache, the evening was a blast!

So with all these great social activities to choose from, my message to all of you out there is not to get List-angst. Who cares if you're not on the List? Does it really make a difference if you've been listed in the '90s and not in the Top Ten? Better still, just make your own list and make sure you're No. 1!

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The city's social scene lights up with spectacular fundraisers

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Jaime Picornell

THE QUOTA International of Cebu presented its traditional Santacruzan amid the usual pomp and glitter.

Also with fragrance, we might add, for the sheer profusion of fresh flowers bedecking all those artistic "arcos."

It's all for a good cause, as it is a fundraiser to aid hearing-impaired children, the special concern of Quota clubs worldwide.

The celebration started with a thanksgiving Mass at the Seminary chapel along Juan Luna Street. The procession of "reinas" and "sagalas" wound from there to the nearby Waterfront Cebu City Hotel at whose grand ballroom the evening's activities unfolded.

A delightful program of Filipino folk dances was presented by the University of Southern Philippines, which must have the best costume designers and choreographers hereabouts.

An exquisite dinner was served, and everyone attentively followed the coronation rites. Enthroned this year as Reina Emperatriz was the lovely and youthful Mrs. Gregoria **Cokaliong**, whose family owns one of the most important shipping firms in the Visayas.

The Reina Elena was Helly B. **Asoy**, who came from Tacloban City for the occasion. Leyte Gov. **Matin Petilla** also came and was first to applaud Helly's progress down the red carpet to the ornate throne.

Marching as the Emperador Constantino was **Charles Joshua Luspo**. His court of "principes" included **Aaron Arnado, Edgar Gomez, Rodrigo Abellanosa, Jeff Go, Karlo Lee, Ben Escodia** and **Ali Mansoor Bongon**.

Katherine Christine Woolbright, daughter of **Gilbert** and **Arlene Woolbright**, was Reina de las Flores. In her court of "sagalas" were **Hyacinth Empinado, Frances Licong** and **Sherry Mae Copauco**.

Drawing her share of admiration was tiny **Aira Danielle Inot** as Reina de los Angeles. Her angelic court was composed of 12 little "reinas": **Mica Pata, Alinia Mabatid, Niña Melgar-Igaña, Cindejiel Lopez, Ana Edioma, Frances Kho, Caryl Remilla, Monica Puentespina, Anna Galang, Gianni Capili, Camille Rocha** and **Felizz Aragon**.

Sophia Mancao, current president of Quota in Cebu, was congratulated for the success of the undertaking. Likewise **Lourdes Parker**, who was the event's over-all chairperson, assisted by VP **Sylvia Young**. Former presidents **Zenaida Yapjoco** and **Cristina Corominas** were deeply involved in various committees.

The search for participants in Quota's Santacruzan 2004 has started with the school year, and very much into it is the Cebu charter president **Lygia Ibañez**, as most of them come from her school—the St. Benedict Childhood Education Centre.

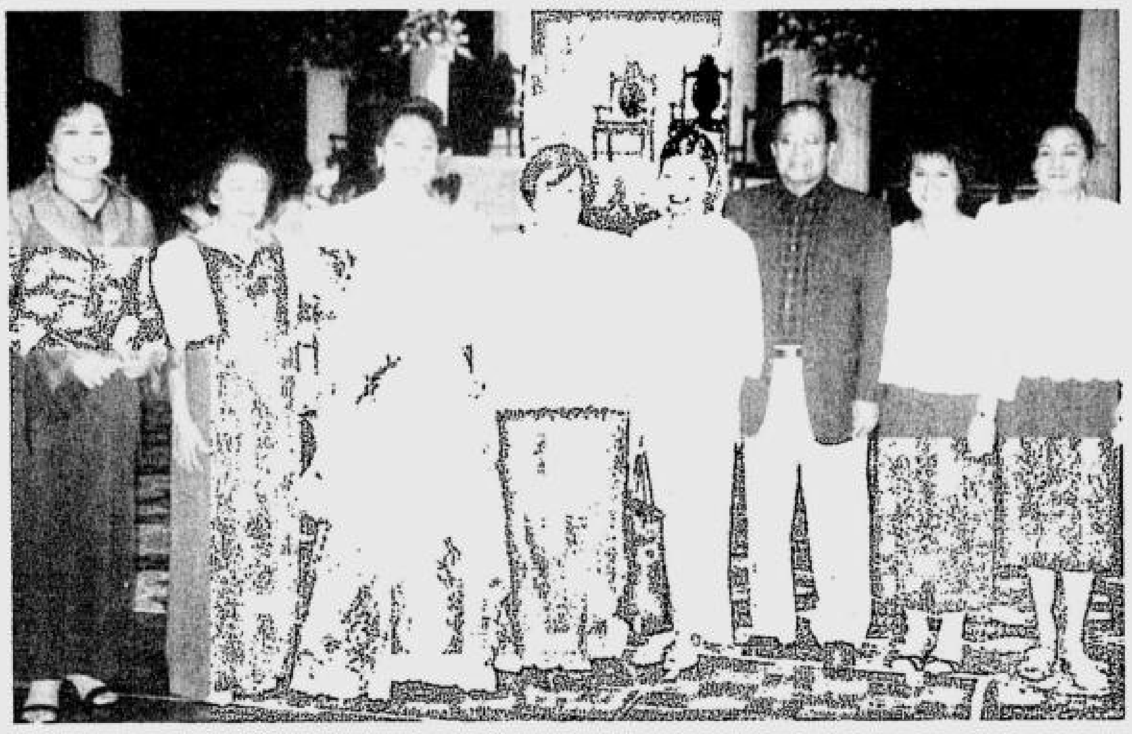
The school's registrar, **Socorro Codilla**, has accepted being an honorary Quotarian. **Loring Victorino** at 91 is also an honorary Quotarian, pouring her energies as she always does on the St. Martin de Porres School for Special Children.

Speaking of do-gooders in Cebu, we have the Zonta Club II headed by architect **Filna Daphne Espina** which is embarking on a spectacular fundraiser, all to help run the Pink Room at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center which caters to women and children victims of domestic violence.

On July 2, they are presenting **Chinggoy Alonso, Jonathan Badon, Lorna Llames** and **Josephine Roces-Chavez** in a program of songs from the very best musicals of Broadway and Hollywood.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. at the SM City Cebu Theater One. Reservations for tickets (at P1,000, P800 and P500) have started pouring (some from neighboring provinces) at the office of Filna, or at SM Cebu's courtesy booth.

"Look at all these songs," chorus the event's chairperson **Florencia Miel**, tickets chairperson **Liza Young**, publicity in-charge **Rosario Utzurrum**, and everyone else at the preliminary meeting like **Elena Chiongbian Young, Betty Pinat Young, Mariter Dumon Klepp, Daisy Jabonero Kokseng, Helen Yap** and **Debbie Limchiu**.



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By Marlet D. Salazar
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HAVING a wellness regimen is no longer exclusive for women, women at heart, or celebrities. Hardworking men, especially fathers, deserve some pampering and stress-busting activities too.

Aside from regular exercise, occasional medical checkups, working men have to take routine visits to the dermatologist, spa, and other stress reduction treatments.

Dr. Socouer Oblepias, resident dermatologist of Ageless Center in Festival Mall, said 85 percent of the present condition of the skin is caused by the sun. She advised that men who do field work should consider using sunblock. It's not just a "girl thing" because guys, like any other human being, must take care of their skin. Excessive exposure to the sun can cause skin diseases not only on the face but in other exposed areas as well; it can also be the cause of rapid aging.

For those who have pigmentation, freckles, pimple scars, coarse skin, even wrinkles and fine lines, they can find hope through painless photo rejuvenation using the Intensive Pulse Light treatment which uses light instead of a laser beam.

"It is very gentle to the skin," said Dr. Oblepias, who also has a degree in Psychology and once pursued Medicine at the University of the Philippines.

Men are most likely to suffer from acne, Dr. Oblepias said. Healthy eating habits help a lot, so is a regular skin regimen. She recommends facials twice a month to clean the pores to prevent blackheads and whiteheads.

Ah, massage. Just the thought of it after a day's work could really be relaxing. Massage relieves the muscles. From Swedish massage that uses medium-pressure that can relieve tension, to the popular Shiatsu massage which uses thumb pressure to ease muscle tension and improve circulation in the tensed ares of the body.

"Aromatherapy massage is one best way to relieve stress because of the scent of oil essences that goes through the nose," said Oblepias. "The scent triggers something to the brain and that stimulus relieves stress and conditions the body."

The chair massage is best for husbands who wait for their wife who are having a facial, or for those who just want to relax after work.

Now who wouldn't want to empty the mind for at least a few hours?

The most forgotten--and yet most battered--part of the body are the feet. Fathers whose work require more leg work should consider a foot reflexology and treat their feet with a foot bath. A foot bath begins with a gentle vibrating movement to relax the foot. After scrubbing, peppermint and foot file to remove dead skin from the legs to the soles follows the foot reflexology. It is based on a theory that the zones of feet correspond to spe-

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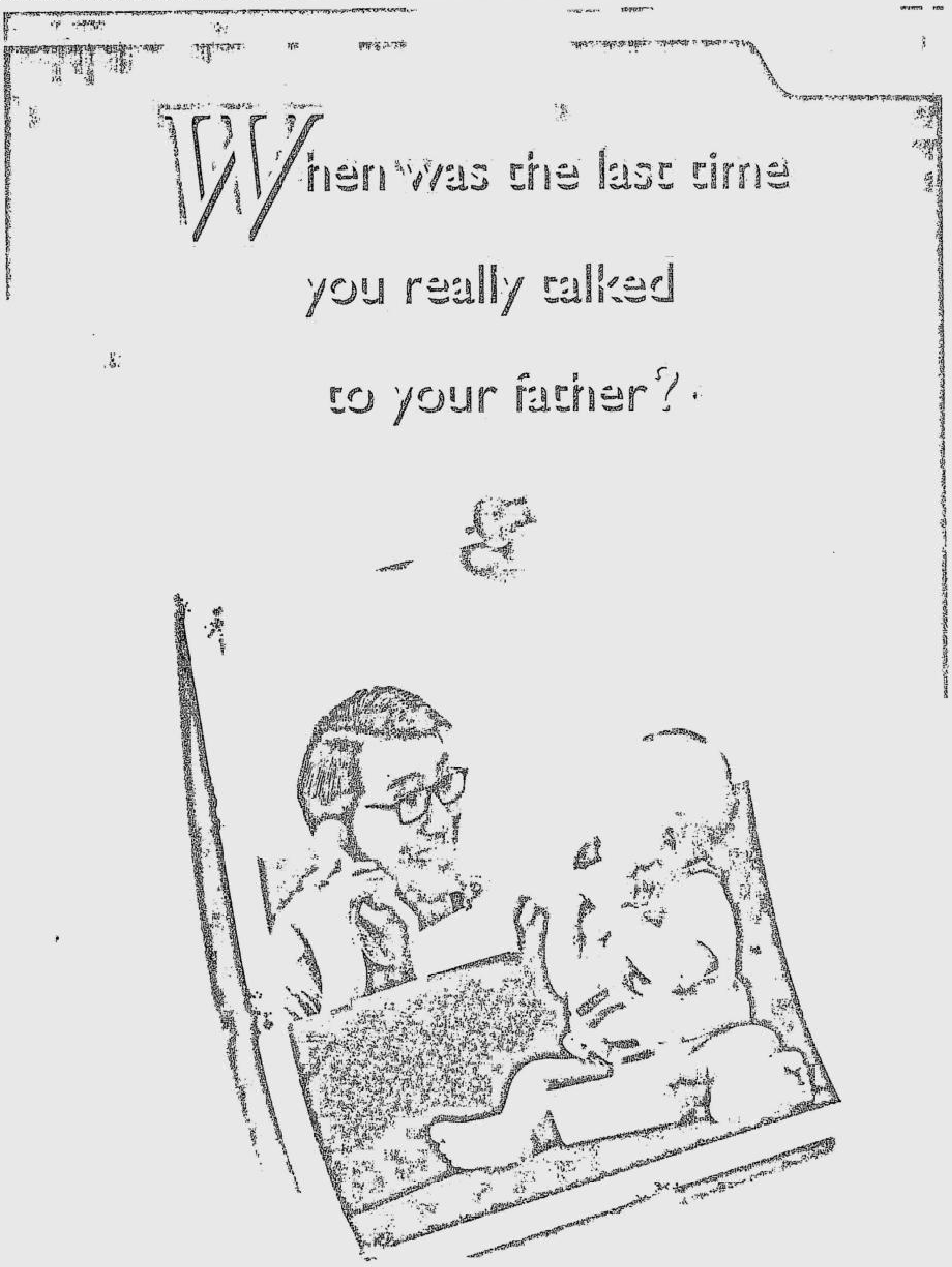

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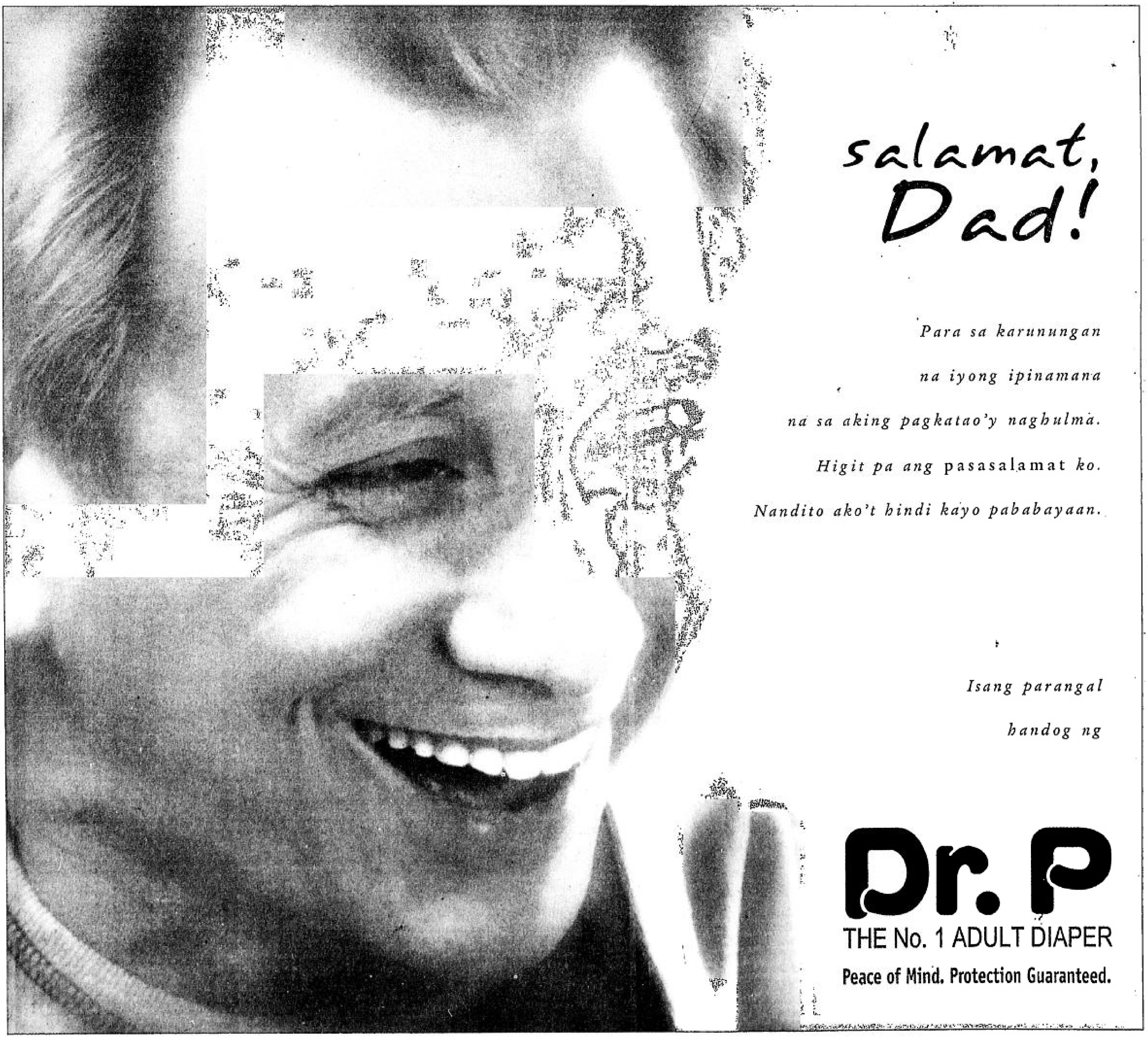
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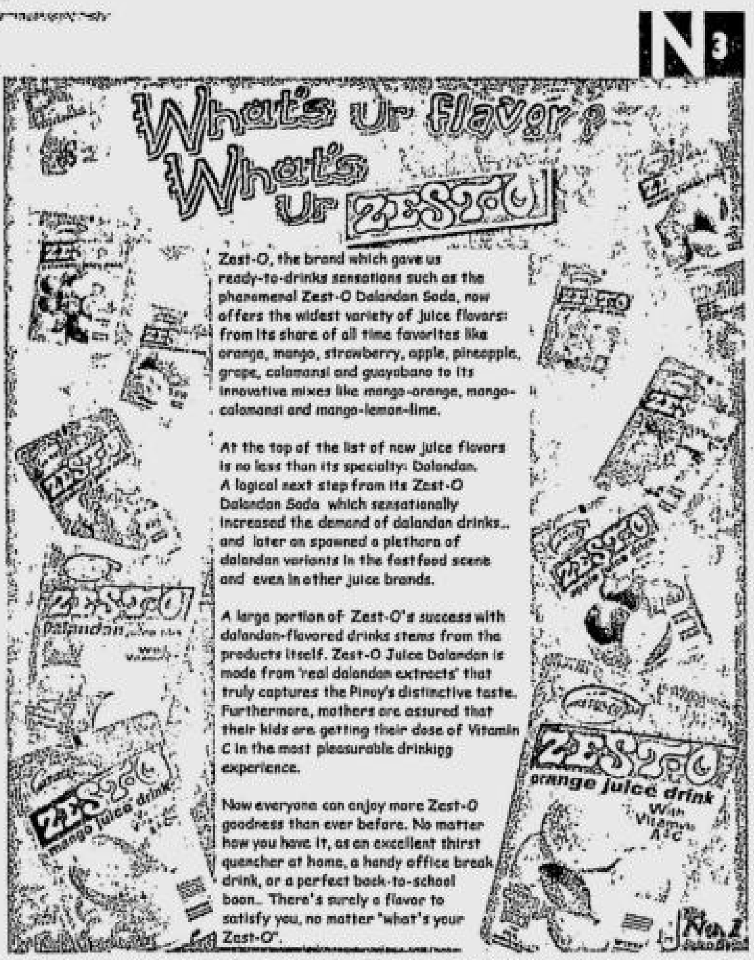


Zest-O, the brand which gave us ready-to-drinks sensations such as the phenomenal Zest-O Dalandan Soda, now offers the widest variety of juice flavors: from its share of all time favorites like orange, mango, strawberry, apple, pineapple, grape, calamansi and guayabano to its innovative mixes like mango-orange, mango-calamansi and mango-lemon-lime.

At the top of the list of new juice flavors is no less than its specialty: Dalandan. A logical next step from its Zest-O Dalandan Soda which sensationally increased the demand of dalandan drinks.. and later on spawned a plethora of dalandan variants in the fastfood scene and even in other juice brands.

A large portion of Zest-O's success with dalandan-flavored drinks stems from the products itself. Zest-O Juice Dalandan is made from 'real dalandan extracts' that truly captures the Pinoy's distinctive taste. Furthermore, mothers are assured that their kids are getting their dose of Vitamin C in the most pleasurable drinkigg experience.

Now everyone can enjoy more Zest-O goodness than ever before. No matter how you have it, as an excellent thirst quencher at home, a handy office break drink, or a perfect back-to-school boon.. There's surely a flavor to satisfy you, no matter "what's your Zest-O".

Globe IDD bridges the distance with dad

"HEY KIDDO, what's with the phone call, do you know what time it is here?" said a sleepy sounding voice at the end of the line.

"Well, in my timezone it's afternoon!"

"It's past midnight here in Sacramento!"

"Anyway, got this obscure Jim Morrison tune I can't get off my head, being the big Doors fan that you are, mind telling me which album it came from? I'm just about to go nuts thinking about it!"

"Ok, what's the $1 million dollar tune?"

Hums the melody over the phone.

"That's easy kid, 'Spy in the House of Love' from LA Woman!" My dad declared triumphantly.

Not exactly the sort of conversation you would expect between a father and a son, but then again, my family is not exactly your typical Filipino family. We're more like the Addams family than the Huxtables of the "Cosby Show" or the Puruntongs of the Pinoy sitcom "John en Marsha". In short, we are unconventional.

For one, where else in the Philippines do kids get to call their folks by their first name? Yup, you guessed it, only in our house. Being the liberated flower children that they were, my parents sought to create a home where parents and kids are equal. So instead of barking orders and telling my brother and I what to do, they left us to our own devices. As Willie, my dad would say, "it is through mistake that you acquire the wisdom not to ever repeat it."

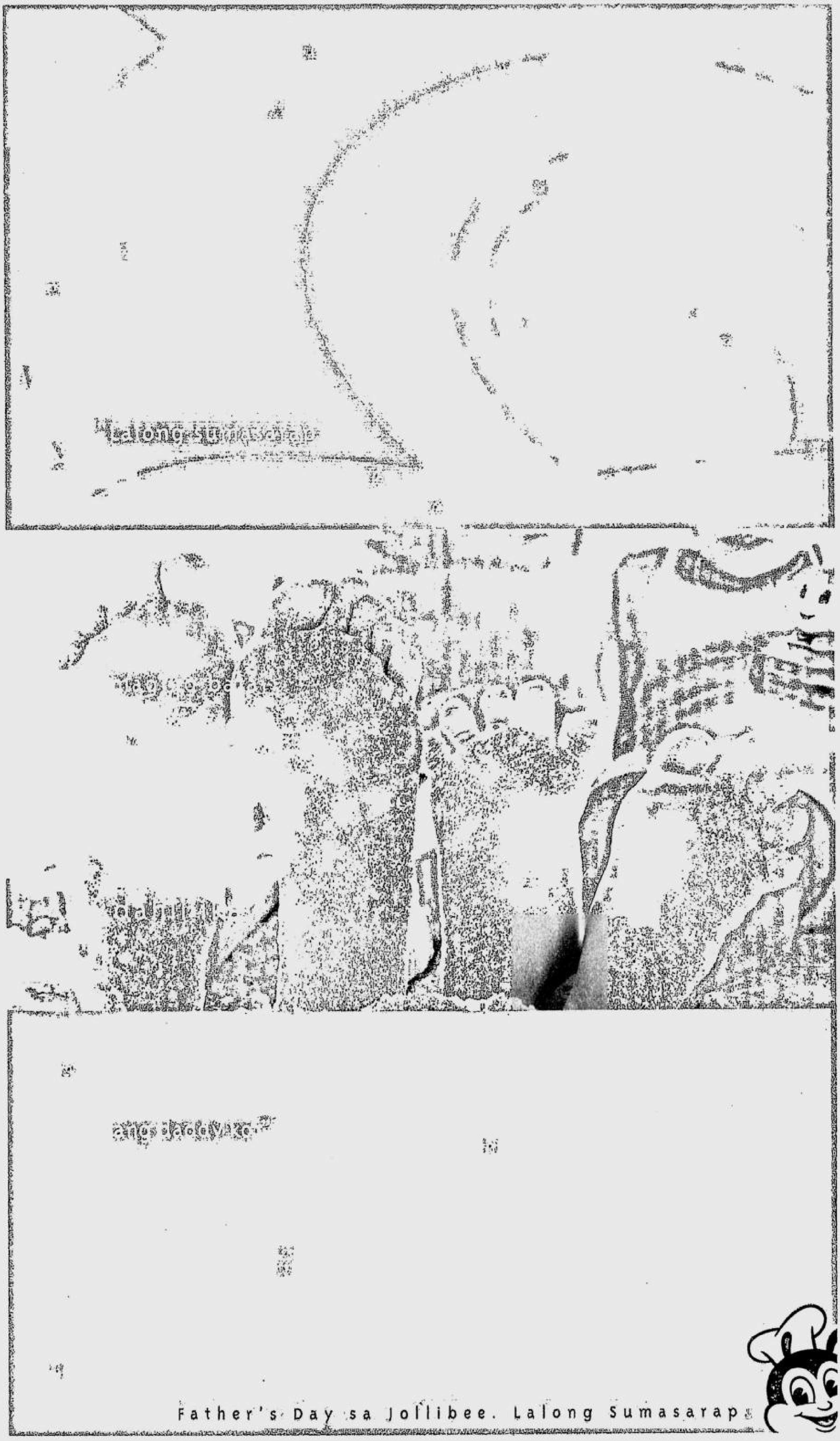
Growing up, I hero worshipped my dad, listening and digging the same bands that he liked, particularly The Doors, Velvet Underground and Pink Floyd, aping his mannerisms and favoring the same choice of clothing, making me a juvenile mirror image of my dad.

My relationship with my dad soured a bit when he had to leave for the States when I was about seven or eight. The distance and the infrequent phone calls changed my concept of him from being a buddy to someone who sent me imported clothes, shoes and chocolates.

The silence between my dad and I lasted for about 15 years. At the height of a deep depression sometime 2001, for some reason, the melody of a Doors tune, whose title I couldn't remember began to spin around my head. With the melody, happy memories of me with my dad flooded my mind. Right there and then, I decided to swallow a pound of my pride and dialed my dad's number.

My relationship with him had improved since that initial icebreaker. I try to call him up regularly using my Globe Handyphone, sometimes to bug him about obscure '60s stuff, but more often than not, I call him up just to catch up on lost time. Good thing, Globe offers attractive IDD rates, which don't leave a gaping hole in my pocket. At $0.40 a minute, I can talk to my dad about nonsensical and important stuff without me having to worry about racking up a mountain of phone bills. Globe's connectivity enables me to get in touch with my dad anytime, anywhere, even during bad weather days. That's quality service for you.

So this Father's Day, I'm calling up my dad, and maybe I can finally muster enough guts to ask him for a loan to finance a trip to see Jim Morrison's grave in Pere LaChaise in Paris. Who knows, he may even want to make the pilgrimage with me. But just the same, I am sending him my prized CD of "The Doors Live" at the Matrix Club in San Francisco as a gift, along with my heartfelt love. After all, I rediscovered my hero in him. So to my dad: Happy Father's Day. *Luis Dimagiba*



Father's Day sa Jollibee. Lalong Sumasarap

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Easy loans for cash-strapped fathers

CASH-strapped fathers this school opening season can turn to a local thrift bank for easy cash loans in exchange for their jewelry and other valuable personal possessions.

A jewelry loan program of Citystate Savings Bank is specially designed to help customers in urgent need of funds for tuition, house repair, car servicing or simply to pay off outstanding credit card and other personal loans.

The easy cash loans on diamonds, gold and other pieces of jewelry made from precious stones and metals are the fastest and cheapest solutions for consumers who need cash in an instant, but cannot go through the tedious process of loan filing, said lawyer Rey Delfin, the bank's executive vice president.

Loans with interests ranging from one to two percent are released within 10 to 15 minutes following jewelry inspection and appraisal, Delfin said. Allowed loans are from a minimum of P300 for a 90-day loan term with an unlimited option for renewals.

Delfin said transactions are safe and secure. Items are protected by the bank's high-technology security system and transactions are kept private and confidential.

Publicly listed Citystate Savings Bank is a joint venture between the Filipino-controlled Fortune Insurance Group and Singapore-based Citystate Management Group Holdings Pte. Ltd.

Father's Day items at Michelis Gifts and Jewelry

WHAT do you give someone who has everything, or is quite difficult to please? Men are said to be the hardest people to give gifts to, because they are very particular about their own possessions. No one knows what they really want apart from the staple items given during special occasions: handkerchief, wallet, briefcase and necktie. And when it's your dad you're buying gifts for, the effort becomes more complicated.

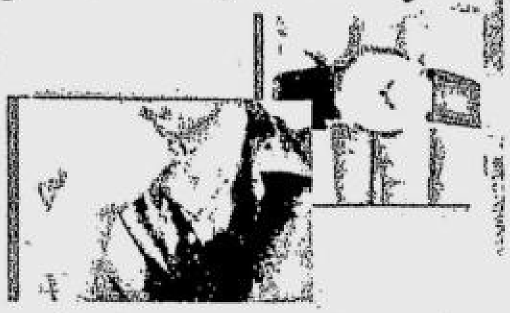
For a man who you've adored since you were small, someone who serves as the strong foundation of your home, you want something that will at least represent the honor and the love you feel for him. It should be a perfect, classic memento that will endure the memory of years; a shimmering symbol of his achievements as he raised a family and maintained a career; a beautiful token of your affection and appreciation for everything he has maintained and done for you.

Michelis Gifts & Jewelry, the country's finest maker of authentic silver jewelry, unveils it collection of special Father's Day items: men's watch, Belcher chain necklace with tag and matching bracelet, ring with onyx and money clip.

The men's watch is a handsome match to a well-groomed father, giving him that noble look, worthy of the head of a family. His Sterling silver accessories, like the Belcher chain necklace with tag and matching bracelet, money, clips and a vast collection of men's rings, will also provide him a dashing persona, and effortless flair for trends.

Michelis also has a wide array of cufflinks and shilt studs to suit that special man's work shirt or barong.

Michelis strives to maintain timeless and elegant jewelry pieces that will be an ideal accessory for those momentous occasions in life. Each Michelis sterling silver creation is handcrafted and guaranteed to possess the level of purity required by the international market. These can even be used and treasured from years onwards because of their classic appeal.



This Father's Day is one perfect moment when fathers can be adorned with special jewelry pieces, containing specific designs that will match the dazzle of a memorable affair with his family.

Michelis shops are located at Greenbelt 1, Lifestyles at the Power Plant, Rustan's Alabang Town Center, Rustan's Tower Shangri-La Plaza, at the lobbies of the Peninsula Manila and Mandarin Oriental Hotel, and at their newest shop at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. For inquiries, call 812-3456 local 2996.

Bellevue Hotel salutes dads

THE BELLEVUE Hotel, the first full-service business hotel south of Metro Manila, celebrates Father's Day with special promos to treat hardworking dads.

A special local resident's rate of P2,500 net for deluxe rooms is sure to give fathers the rest and relaxation they need at a reasonable price. The Bellevue's deluxe rooms are made to give its guests a memorable experience of luxury and comfort without emptying the pockets. This special offer also includes breakfast for two persons plus free use of the newly opened swimming pool.

High ceilings make the room feel spacious and open while wooden themes and light hues rejuvenate the senses.

Stylish deluxe rooms are fitted with king, queen or twin beds, TVs with cable and pay-per-view movies, elegant bathrooms with separate bathtub and shower stall and a corner that can be furnished with a microwave and other fixtures upon request. On top of that, all of The Bellevue's rooms have broadband Internet connectivity.

Aside from these, dads and the whole family can enjoy a special lunch deal at the Café D' Asie, The Bellevue's Asian specialty restaurant. A special Father's Day lunch buffet is available at P650 net and dinner buffet at P 750 net. Children 5 years and below are free of charge. There is also an activity area with face painting, kiddie TV movies and other treats that will bring joy to the little ones. For reservations, please call 771-8181.

ALI, BMW hold open house

IMAGINE dad driving through the rolling terrain and lush surroundings of Ayala Westgrove Heights aboard a new BMW.

Here's father's chance to experience that as Ayala Land Inc., in cooperation with Prestige Cars Makati, holds an open house and a BMW exhibit on June 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ayala Westgrove Heights in Silang, Cavite.

The event offers a rare opportunity for participants to get a closer look at the opulent community and first-class amenities of Ayala Westgrove Heights, at the same time, enjoy the power of a BMW by going for a test-drive along gently green hills and beautiful mango orchards within the subdivision.

Participants who reserve a lot at the event will get a free car entertainment system consisting of a 7-inch flat LCD monitor and DVD player, while those who bring their own BMW cars will get a free diagnostic check-up on their units.

Ayala Westgrove Heights is a high-end residential community that provides families an ideal, natural home environment with its abundant greenery, teeming with well-preserved flora and fauna. It is also at close proximity to prestigious educational institutions such as De La Salle University-Canlubang, St. Scholastica's College and Don Bosco.

Call Ianne Mallari at 841-5569, Lala Nadal at 759-4225 and Viviene Briones at 841-5526 for more information.

DADS TAKE THE LEAD

Driven dads get the chance to race at the Men's Dept. of Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza and Alabang in our C! Digital Racing Game. Top finisher takes home a Sony Playstation.

They'll also get a rush at the Exotic Car Motorcade on June 13, at 8 am in front of Rustan's Makati. These collector's cars will also be on exhibit June 13, 9 am to 5 pm, and on June 15, 8 am to 11 am, at the open parking space, in front of Rustan's Makati.

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FATHER'S DAY

DONDIE PRATS

Low-profile dad, celebrity kids

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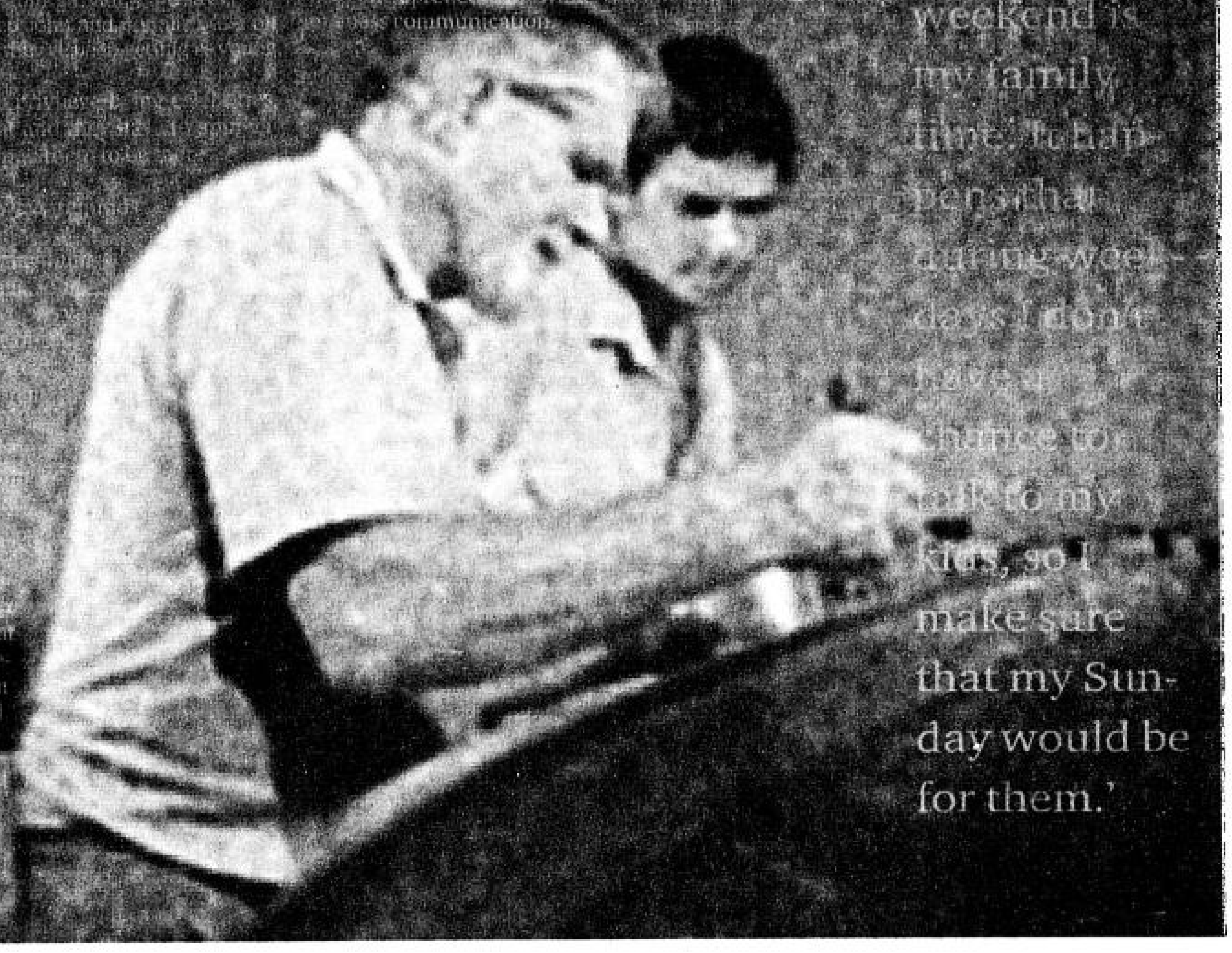
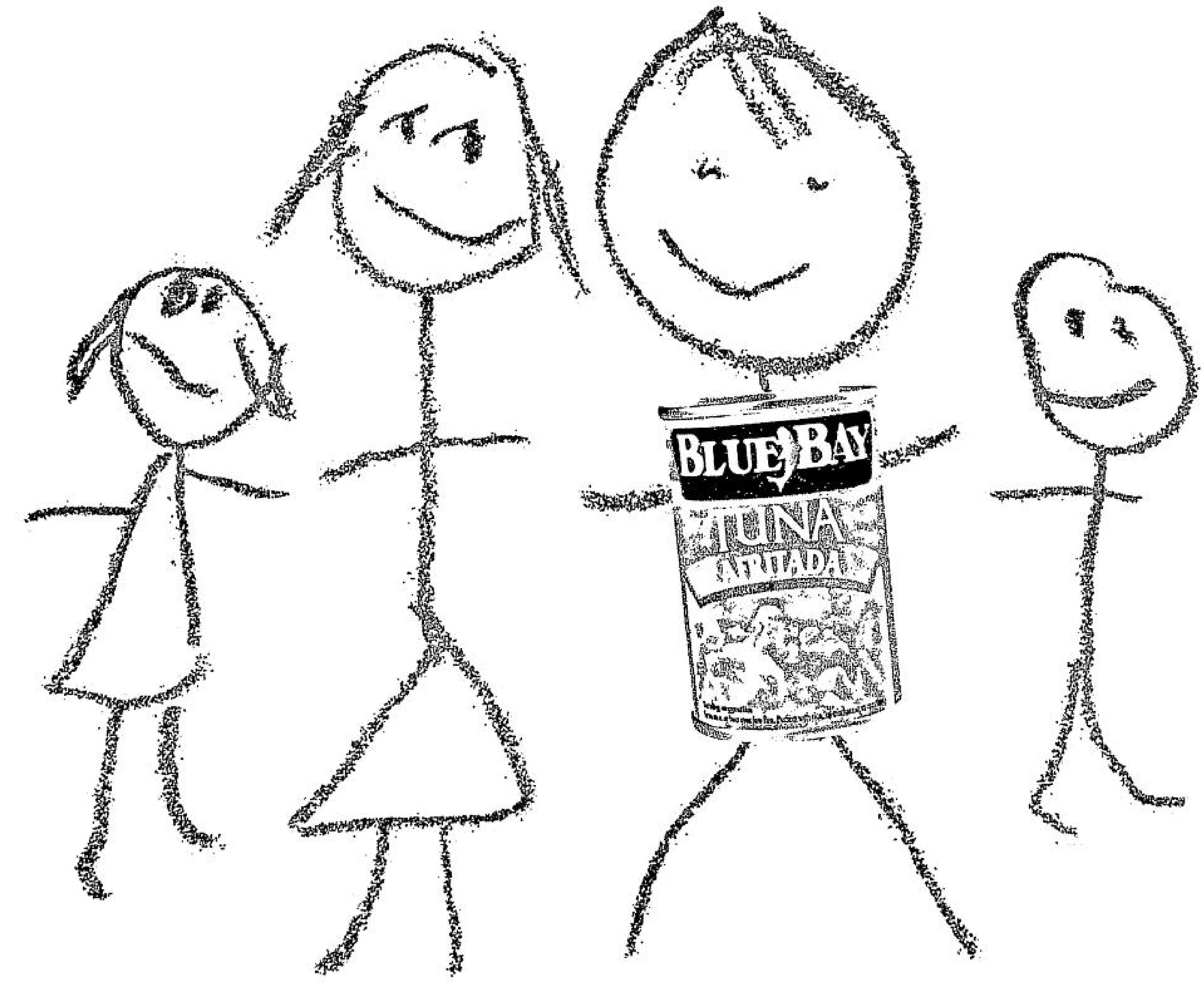


'It's just time management and setting of the right priorities. I work from Monday to Friday and weekend is my family time. It happens that during weekdays I don't have a chance to talk to my kids, so I make sure that my Sunday would be for them.'

THE PRATS family: Rafael, Camille, Naomi, Carlo, John, Dondie's wife Alma, and Dondie.



NGAYONG FATHER'S DAY,
BUBUSUGIN KA NAMIN NG PAGMAMAHAL!

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Daddy-daughter date kicks off

AN EXHIBIT serving the interests of fathers and their daughters dubbed Daddy-Daughter Date Exhibit kicked off at the Robinsons Galleria recently. The special event was in line with the special advance screening of "What a Girl Wants" which was presented by Net 25, DWDM 95.5 and Warner Brothers.

It showcased products and services that serve as daughter's treat to his father. Dating fathers and daughters were given gift packages by Dove. Mothers, too, who were conscious about skin care surrounded the Dove booth. Kameraworld turned its space into a mini-studio, providing free photo sessions to cute girls and their dads. Teens and a lot of families joined the fun. For figure-conscious dads and daughters, Galleria Fitness Center booth provided free consultations while MaxiGold introduced the healthy benefits of its food supplement.

The whole-day event was capped by the movie screening attended by DM and Net 25 sponsors and guests who received product samples from Mama Sitas, Columbia Candies and Unilever. The event was presented in cooperation with CAP, Vaseline Shampoo, Cali, Magnolia Gold, Purefoods Beefies Hotdog, Robinsons Movieworld and Robinsons Galleria.

Dovetailing the event were Net 25 network marketing manager Caesar Vallejos, Unilever representative and DWDM sales manager Jhune Galang.

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A BIG TV FOR DAD
CHANGHONG'S 51-inch Progressive Scan Projection TV - the ultimate multi media entertainment, is the perfect gift for dad this Father's Day.

Special room rates for Father's Day

SPEND time with the "greatest Dad in the world" without draining your pocket at Tropicana Apartment Hotel, the pioneering serviced apartment in Malate, Manila, with its great value rates not only on Father's Day but also for the whole month of June.

Savor moments of fun and togetherness as the whole family enjoys Tropicana's newly refurbished one or two-bedroom suites while Dad gets his long-overdue dose of serenity and relaxation at the hotel's health and fitness facilities, including the swimming pool, sauna, and fitness center.

Guests staying at a two-bedroom apartment for P5,600 net will enjoy three days and two nights accommodation for four adults and two children with breakfast for the adults. Those availing of a one-bedroom unit at P3,300 net will enjoy the same privileges but covering only two adults and two children.

The 97-room Tropicana Apartment Hotel is considered an oasis for tourists and long-staying guests who require fully furnished apartment units in a serene location yet close to commercial and nightlife venues in Manila.

Tropicana Apartment Hotel is located at 1630 Luis Ma. Guerrero Street in Malate, Manila (near St. Paul College and Robinson's Place). For reservations or more information, call 525-5555, fax 525-5577, visit www.tropicana-apt-hotel.com and email troptel@pacific.net.ph.

Festival Supermall celebrates 5

FESTIVAL Supermall at Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, the largest shopping, dining and entertainment complex in the south with over 550 specialty stores and restaurants, celebrates five fabulous super-mall years with a string of milestone events and customer rewards.

The mall's fifth anniversary bash features a special concert, a triple weekend sale, dining treats at Food Junction, complimentary passes at Festival Cinemas, free discount vouchers on rides at Pixie Forest and X-Site amusement centers, a back-to-school fair loaded with kid stuff and fun, and a host of family-oriented activities to celebrate Father's Day.

Jaya and The Company headlined the anniversary concert last Saturday, June 7, 5:00 p.m. at the Carousel Court, Level 2. The country's soul diva brought the house down with her rendition of well-loved hits from the '70s while the premier vocal group went down memory lane as they relived through songs the colorful past of Festival Supermall. Exciting prizes, including cinema passes and gift packs, were at stake during the program.

Talented stage and TV personality RJ Rosales was the program host with Apollo Abraham sharing the stage as game master. RJ also performed with the show's featured dance group, The Maneuvers. Fans met the dance icons early on at X-Site teen amusement center, Level 3, at 4:00 p.m. for a teaser dance number prior to the main show.

Meanwhile, the mall-wide triple weekend sale continues to create waves of excitement on June 6-8 and June 13-15. Parents can still avail of great buys for their kids' school needs as participating stores offer substantial discounts. Shoppers can also get huge savings on food, clothes, appliances, furniture, shoes, bags and accessories, jewelry, and various specialty products and services. Or they can opt for the offerings of the "Installment Plus" appliance fair until June 30 at the Carousel Court.

For a storm of great freebies during the anniversary month, customers can visit the Food Junction, the Festival Cinemas or Pixie Forest and X-Site.

Lucky diners at the Food Junction, the mall's food court, Level 1, can win sure prizes with its "Eat's a Sure-Prize" promotion ongoing until June 29. A minimum single purchase worth P100, including a medium Pepsi product, at any outlet entitles customers to pick a prize at the promo booth. They can win gift packs from Pepsi, Godiva, Colgate, Leslie, Ciliit, Enervon HP, Nestle Ice Cream and Pantene.

At the "Five for Rides" promotion of the mall's indoor amusement centers, exciting rides come free at either Pixie Forest or X-Site with every minimum purchase of 5 regular ride tickets. A free P10 voucher can then be redeemed on rides.

Bonding with the family through movies is made doubly fun because freebies such as free passes, popcorn, or big discounts come with every purchase of a Pepsi drink and snacks at the "5 Fabulous Treats" promotion of Festival Cinemas, Level 4, until June 29.

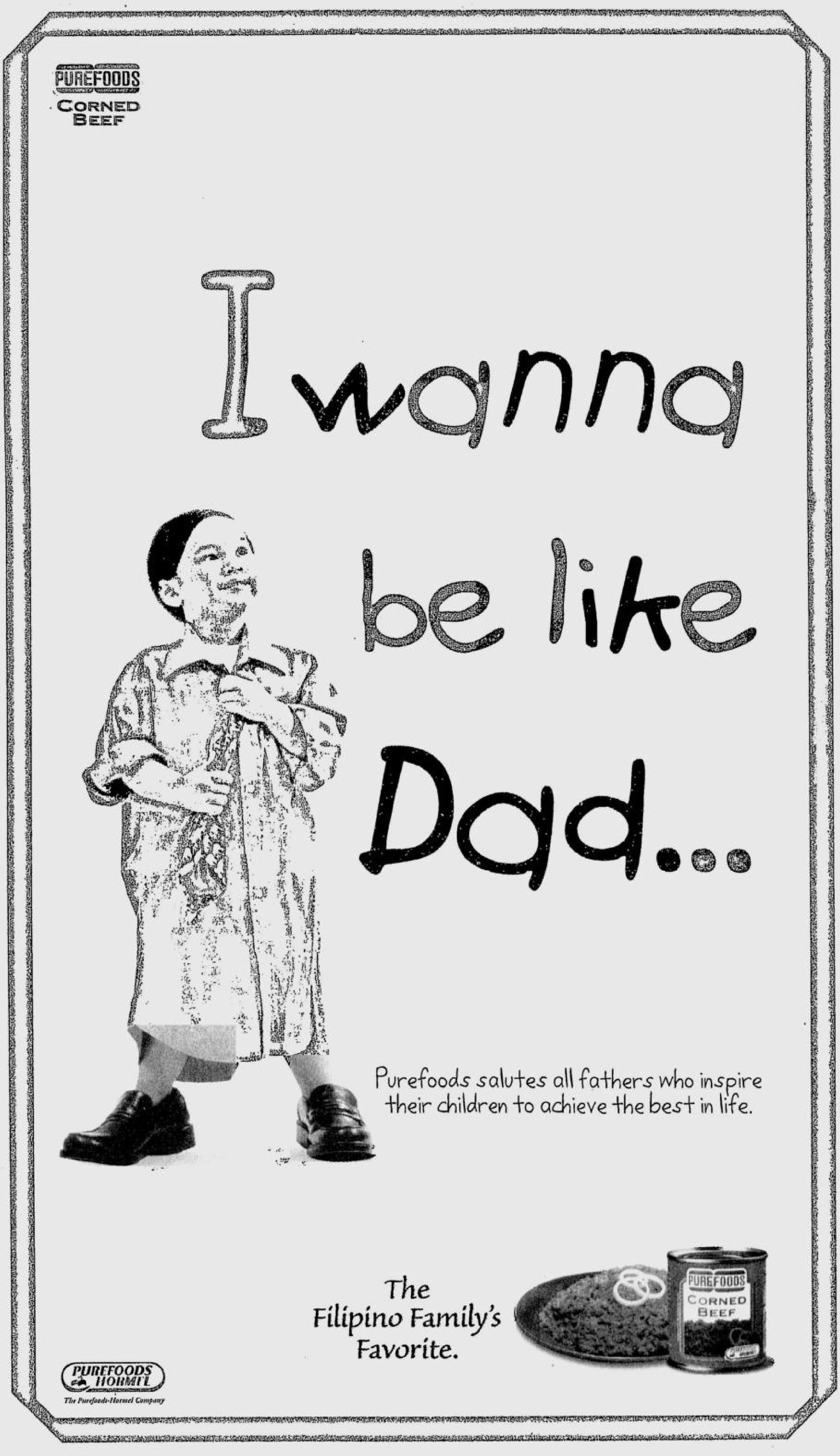
Before their hands get full with countless school projects and tests, kids can first enjoy fun activities from June 12-15 with "Kids Rule" at C-Square, Level 4. The back-to-school fair features storytelling, coloring, poster making, essay writing, shirt and paper weight designing, and finger, acrylic, and oil painting. Raffles prizes and surprise games also await the lucky kids.

On Father's Day, June 15, Dads can enjoy "Balloon Twister" moments with their kids as lovely balloon sculptures are free with every P50 food purchase at any outlet at the Food Junction from 12noon-1pm or one Fairy's Wheel ride at Pixie Forest from 2-4pm.

If Dads want to savor lunch at any restaurant at Chef's Avenue, the foodies' haven for creative dining, Level 3, they can enjoy easy listening music with "Acoustic Dream". The jazz artists perform again at 7:00 p.m.

The celebration continues in the afternoon at the picnic grove of Pixie Forest, where the whole family can watch clown shows, participate in art workshops and have fun with balloon twisters starting at 1:00 p.m.

For more information on Festival Supermall's Five Fabulous Years special events and other mall activities, please call Customer Service at 850-3514 or visit www.festivalsupermall.com.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Simply sushi-yum!

ON THE lookout for healthy, calorie-less, guilt-free food? Or do you simply prefer inexpensive but quality food?

Perhaps you might want to explore Sushi-Ya, a Japanese Restaurant with a newly opened branch at the Mega Strip Building B, SM Mega Mall and existing branches in Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Manila, Tomas Morato, Libis, and soon to open at the Fiesta Strip SM City Pampanga.

Sushi-Ya was conceptualized by a group of Japanese food lovers who wanted to bring Japanese cuisine to a broader market.

Hence, in May 1996, Sushi-Ya, which means Sushi Store in Japanese, opened its first branch in Tomas Morato, offering more than just sushi.

Consider these: Donburi (rice toppings of chicken, pork, prawns, sukiyaki, tempura), Teriyaki and Tepanyaki dishes and an assortment of hot and cold noodles.

Those with a bigger appetite may try any of the Bento Boxes. A Bento Box for one includes miso soup, rice, California Maki, Agadashi Tofu (Bean curd cubes with sauce), and your choice of main course.

Other bestsellers include Gyoza, Tofu Furai, Chicken Teriyaki, Sushi-Ya Festival, and Ebi Tempura. For dessert, don't miss the house special, Wasabi Ice Cream.

Prices are reasonable. The Bento Meal, for example, starts at P175. The Sushi-Ya Fried Rice, a house specialty, can be had at P35. More importantly, service is at no extra cost since the restaurant believes in the "No Service Charge" principle.

A mid-price, casual dining Japanese restaurant without the fuss and the frills, Sushi-Ya's ambiance is light and casual. Dining is an intimate affair. The Libis Branch seats 40 people while the Mega Strip and Robinsons Galleria branches, 60 people. In this way, service is highly personalized, prompt and efficient.

Satisfy your craving and visit Sushi-Ya, where a mélange of Japanese food awaits.

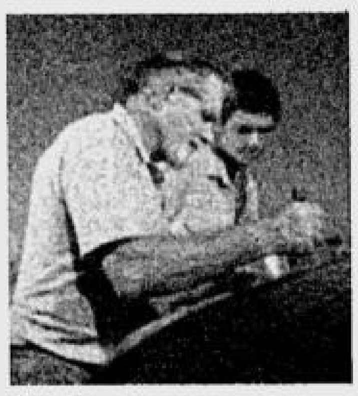
Simply sushi-yum! Call Sushi-Ya at 911-7748 (E. Rodriguez), 372-3721 (Tomas Morato), 636-7085 (Robinsons Galleria), 524-8778 (Robinsons Place Manila), 631-9998 (SM Megamall), or (045) 961-47798 (SM City Pampanga).

Little Dad

There are little eyes upon you,
And they are watching night and day,
There are little ears that quickly take in
Every word you say;
There are little hands all eager
To do everything you do,
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise,
In his little mind about you
No suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say and do
He will say and do in your way
When he's growing up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you're always right,
And his ears are always open
And he watches day and night.
You are setting an example
For the little boy who's waiting
To grow up to be like you.



This poem was taken from Charles Swindoll's "Favorite Stories and Illustrations", printed with permission from publisher OMF Literature. Purefoods Corned Beef dedicates this poem to every daddy, tatay and papa who always gives 100 percent of his love, care and attention to the "little dad" at home and the rest of the family.

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kami'y nagpupugay!

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Nakikiisa ang Revicon sa iyo sa araw na ito, at sa bawa't araw. Mabuhay ka!

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Top fathers honored at 23rd Handog kay Itay

FATHERS will again be in the limelight when the nation celebrates their most special day during the 23rd Annual Handog kay Itay, a special tribute to the "other half" of parenthood, on June 15.

In view of the organizer's desire for this year's Father's Day awardees and honorees to share their most precious time with their respective families during their special day, the awarding will be integrated with the holding of the 2003 People's Choice and Consumers Quality Awards on July 19 (Saturday) at the UP Theater at 6 p.m.

On its 23rd year, Handog kay Itay is organized by the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Council jointly with the Ideal Parents and Family Foundation (IPFF) and the National Consumer Affairs Foundation spearheaded by civic leader-journalist Jonathan Navea, Rev. Dr. Sonia Lim and Governor and Ms Justo Ortiz.

This year's Handog kay Itay awardees are led by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Sen. Robert Barbers who are this year's Ama ng Bayan recipients.

The Asian Father awardees (named after the late Ambassador Edward C.C. Yii) are University of Baguio president Dr. Virgilio Bautista, Kim Soo-Shen and Seiji Kasuwa. A special posthumous award will be conferred to the late Baldomero Nevada.

The Huwarang Ama Sectoral awardees are Mayor Pastor Guiao, Sen. Robert Jaworski, Laguna Mayor Felicisimo Vierneza, Cesar Pagulayan, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Sen. Manuel Villar, Sec. Richard Gordon, and Gov. Raul Lee (public service);

Amb. Edmundo Libid (international relations); Ret. B/Gen. Jaime Echavarria (military service); Dr. Gil Guchiangco and Antonio Botabara (education); Dr. Rolando Sanchez and Dr. Miguel Santos (medicine and allied sciences);

Lawyer Rodrigo Mallari and lawyer Melvin Matibag (law and judiciary); Orly Punzalan and Maximo Soliven (media and journalism); Dr. Victor Endriga, Efraim Genuino; Oscar Paras (home and family); Angelito Lazaro, Manuel Abad, Gus Anido (business and industry); Rolando dela Cruz (science and invention); and lawyer Felipe Gozon (professional);

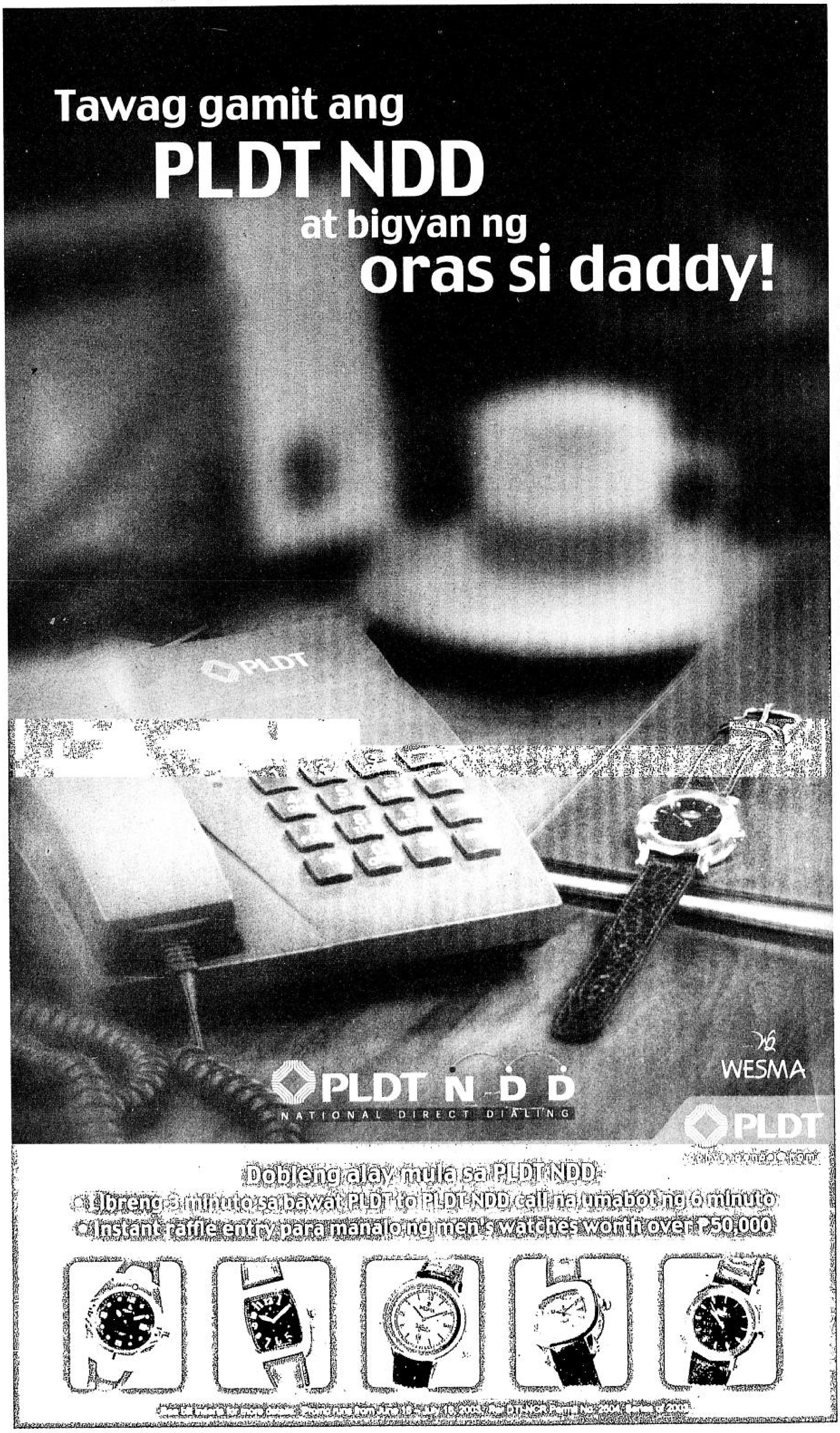
Celebrity Father-Achiever awardees are Gary Valenciano and Ariel Rivera (arts and entertainment); Rep. Jules Ledesma, Vice Mayor Tito Varela, Councilors Justo Justo and Dennis Padilla (public service);

Dennis Lazaro (sports development); Angelo Palmones (media and journalism); Rep. Conrad Estella III and Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Sen. Ralph Recto (public service); Dr. Guillermo Cruz (medicine and allied sciences); Eugene Torre (sports); Joaquin Quintos (professional);

The Handog kay Itay Huwarang Ama Award is conferred on outstanding fathers at least 50 years old who are achievers in their chosen fields and at the same time were able to rear a successful family, while the Celebrity Father-Achiever Award is conferred on father-achievers who are noted or popular in their fields or professions, regardless of age.

The Ideal Parent and Family Foundation (IPFF) has been the official and pioneer prime-mover of Mother's and Father's Day celebrations in the Philippines since 1980. The group, under the leadership of civic leader-journalist Jake Navea and Gov. Justo Ortiz, successfully lobbied for the signing of Presidential Proclamation No. 266 by former President Corazon Aquino declaring both celebrations as official national events. The group also spearheads the Family and Parents Week held every last week of September and the Grandparents and Senior Citizens Day.

For details, call the Mother's Day and Father's Day secretariat, unit 301 3/F Reyes Building, 916 Aurora Boulevard, Cubao, QC, at 422-4776/422-5099 /421-4723; mobile 0920-5039590, or log on to http://mediapowerinc.tripod.com. The proceeds of this event are for the benefit of the IPFF Youth Scholarship and Livelihood Program.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Father's Day at Araneta Center

COME to the Atrium of Ali Mall at the Araneta Center and treat your Dad on a day to remember called "Sporty Daddy Fair" that falls on Sunday, June 15.

Converse, the shoemaker, will have a variety show from 3 p.m. at the lower ground floor of the Atrium featuring Ara Mina, which, on the same day, is to be held the "Search for Singing Father" at the lower ground floor of the mall.

For every P300 minimum single purchase at Ali Mall, customers will be given a free Swiss pocket knife upon presentation of receipt at the promo booths located at Ali Mall.

A selection of good, affordable cuisine is available, all day, either on reservation or take-outs, both at the Atrium and in other food sections of the Ali Mall where Dad can choose his main fare for the day.

Pizza Hut is now hitting it big with its Sausage-Stuffed Crust pizza while Shakey's is having its Pepperoni Crunch. For rice mix, there is a lot of choices at Frio Mixx, Lino's Bar & Restaurant and for fine dining, Trattoria Uno and Le Café, both Italian concessionaires, which are available for reservations.

A little walk away from Ali Mall, Dad will possibly meet old pals at Starbucks along the Coliseum Circle where Dencio's Grill, Istanbul Express, Sachi, and Gloria Maris continue to lure people.

Dad can also check on exquisite, affordable wines and spirits at Ralph's Liquor within sight of the Big Dome. French and Italian Red wines such as Bordeaux and Bourbon are good choices and so with Fabuloso, Emenentia for brandy and Frafin VSOP and Remy Martin for cognac. If a scotch drinker, your Dad can be gifted with Johnny Walker Black, Chivas Regal and Clan Campbell for such a memorable day.

Along the way, Dad will see the changing façade of Araneta Center with the new security force in place and the boarding along Gen. Roxas and Gen. Aguinaldo Avenue for the rising of the Gateway Mall, sights that will most likely leave an imprint on his mind.

Let him feast on a Pacific bounty

THIS is the time of the year to say "Thank You" to the one who gives so much of his time, listening to your stories, worries, and other concerns. The one who always has a ready advice to comfort you and guide you to the right direction…your dad.

On June 15, Father's Day, Pacific Wharf restaurant located at the 3rd level of Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City and at Tomas Morato St., Quezon City, invites everyone to feast on a Pacific bounty of lunch and dinner buffet.

An array of fifteen delectable and mouthwatering dishes including dessert awaits every customer on this joyous event. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. while dinner starts at 6 p.m. onwards. It will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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Top fathers honored at 23rd Handog kay Itay

FATHERS will again be in the limelight when the nation celebrates their most special day during the 23rd Annual Handog kay Itay, a special tribute to the "other half" of parenthood, on June 15.

In view of the organizer's desire for this year's Father's Day awardees and honorees to share their most precious time with their respective families during their special day, the awarding will be integrated with the holding of the 2003 People's Choice and Consumers Quality Awards on July 19 (Saturday) at the UP Theater at 6 p.m.

On its 23rd year, Handog kay Itay is organized by the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Council jointly with the Ideal Parents and Family Foundation (IPFF) and the National Consumer Affairs Foundation spearheaded by civic leader-journalist Jonathan Navea, Rev. Dr. Sonia Lim and Governor and Ms Justo Ortiz.

This year's Handog kay Itay awardees are led by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Sen. Robert Barbers who are this year's Ama ng Bayan recipients.

The Asian Father awardees (named after the late Ambassador Edward C.C. Yii) are University of Baguio president Dr. Virgilio Bautista, Kim Soo-Shen and Seiji Kasuwa. A special posthumous award will be conferred to the late Baldomero Nevada.

The Huwarang Ama Sectoral awardees are Mayor Pastor Guiao, Sen. Robert Jaworski, Laguna Mayor Felicisimo Vierneza, Cesar Pagulayan, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Sen. Manuel Villar, Sec. Richard Gordon, and Gov. Raul Lee (public service):

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Oscar Paras (home and family); Angelito Lazaro, Manuel Abad, Gus Anido (business and industry); Rolando dela Cruz (science and invention); and lawyer Felipe Gozon (professional);

Celebrity Father-Achiever awardees are Gary Valenciano and Ariel Rivera (arts and entertainment); Rep. Jules Ledesma, Vice Mayor Tito Varela, Councilors Justo Justo and Dennis Padilla (public service);

Dennis Lazaro (sports development); Angelo Palmones (media and journalism); Rep. Conrad Estella III and Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Sen. Ralph Recto (public service); Dr. Guillermo Cruz (medicine and allied sciences); Eugene Torre (sports); Joaquin Quintos (professional);

The Handog kay Itay Huwarang Ama Award is conferred on outstanding fathers at least 50 years old who are achievers in their chosen fields and at the same time were able to rear a successful family, while the Celebrity Father-Achiever Award is conferred on father-achievers who are noted or popular in their fields or professions, regardless of age.

The Ideal Parent and Family Foundation (IPFF) has been the official and pioneer prime-mover of Mother's and Father's Day celebrations in the Philippines since 1980. The group, under the leadership of civic leader-journalist Jake Navea and Gov. Justo Ortiz, successfully lobbied for the signing of Presidential Proclamation No. 266 by former President Corazon Aquino declaring both celebrations as official national events. The group also spearheads the Family and Parents Week held every last week of September and the Grandparents and Senior Citizens Day.

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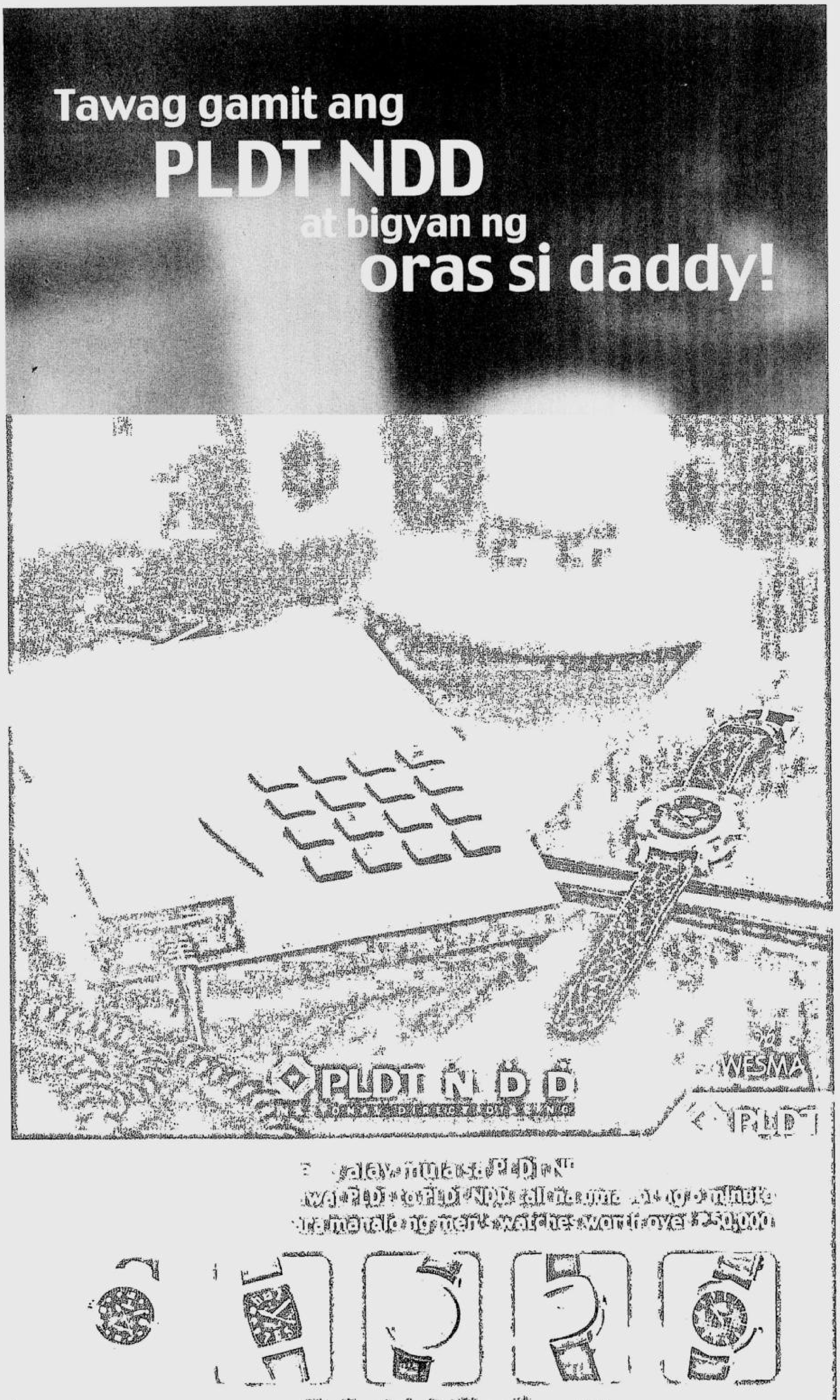

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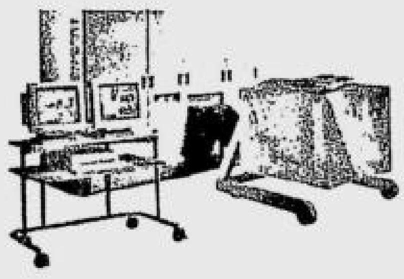

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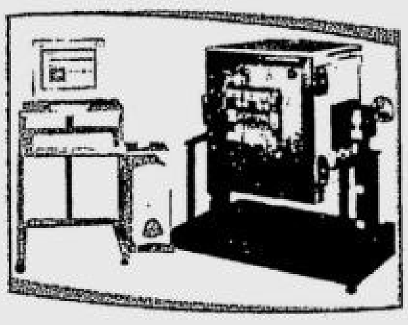

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The Office of the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund, Manila is seeking application from competent candidates to fill the post of a National Programme Associate.

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Assistant Representative, the Programme Associate supports the design, planning and management of UNFPA's country programme by providing and managing data inputs, providing logistical support, monitoring project implementation and following up on recommendations.

He/She applies established systems and procedures and assists in the creation of substantive knowledge by compiling, synthesizing and analysing information relevant to population and development, reproductive health and gender issues. He/she is instrumental in facilitating programme/project implementation using and developing appropriate mechanisms and systems and ensuring compliance with established procedures. He/she maintains collaborative relationships with all programme and project staff.

Duties and Responsibilities:
The National Programme Associate will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- Participates in the identification and formulation of the country programme and component projects, by compiling and analysing information in the subject areas of UNFPA assistance to the Government, drafts project documents and work plans and prepares tables and statistical data;
- Evaluates project and programme activities, establishing and implementing mechanisms to systematically assess the achievement of results, conducting field visits, participating in review meetings and evaluation missions and preparing regular inputs to status and progress reports;
- Guides routine implementation of assigned projects, coordinating the delivery of project inputs, ensuring participation of national counterparts in training activities and study tours in coordination with national counterparts and project personnel;
- Provides logistical support to projects by coordinating review meetings and other project-related workshops and events.
- Trains and guides project personnel and staff on national execution and programme policies and procedures;
- Contributes to the creation and sharing of knowledge by synthesizing and documenting findings and lessons learned, success stories and best practices, strategies and approaches of the Country Office and drafting relevant materials for dissemination;
- Supports the advocacy and resource mobilization strategy of the Country Office by compiling and synthesizing relevant background materials for use in discussions and public events;
- Establishes and maintains network of donor and public information contacts and provides assistance in organizing and conducting donor meetings and public information events
- Performs other programme-related duties as may be required.

Qualifications and attributes:
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Salary plus medical and pension benefits are tax-exempt.
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The Office of the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund, Manila is seeking application from competent candidates to fill the post of an Administrative and Finance Associate.

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Representative, the Administrative and Finance Associate (AFA) provides functional leadership in human resources, administrative and financial systems of the Country Office. He/she supervises clerical and financial support staff.

He/she delivers quality services in human resources, administration and finance to internal and external clients mastering all relevant rules, guidelines, processes and procedures. He/she takes a client-oriented, results-focused approach to interpreting the rules, procedures and guidelines in service of the country programme, providing support and guidance to the Country Office and UNFPA-supported projects.

The AFA works closely with programme and project staff, providing financial monitoring and analysis of projects and advising managers on expenditure trends and implementation rates. He/she is also a member of the Country Office management services team, managing financial aspects of Country Office operations.

Duties and Responsibilities:
The Administrative and Finance Associate will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- Adapts processes and procedures, anticipates and manages operational requirements of programme/project inputs under national execution in terms of personnel, sub-contracts, equipment, fellowships, study tours and other programme and project-related events to facilitate programme/project delivery;
- Prepares and monitors the administrative and program budgets and ensures financial transactions are in accordance with UNFPA financial rules and procedures. Proposes procedures to improve internal controls and efficiency and responds to audit issues;
- Manages the recruitment and selection process, applying best practice human resources tools and mechanisms, advises and briefs managers and project personnel on different types of contracting modalities, HR policies and benefits, coordinates the Performance Appraisal Review (PAR) process and advises on performance issues;
- Implements corporate systems and applications in support of finance and human resource management and country office operations; creates systems and mechanisms for effective management of UNFPA resources required for national execution (NEX), and advises and trains project staff in NEX procedures and maintains continuous and accurate/up-dated flow of information between the Country Office and Headquarters;
- Reviews procurement requests and initiates procurement procedures for office and project equipment, supplies and services in a transparent and cost-effective manner; recommends procurement decisions. Contributes to the smooth running of the office by ensuring the provision and maintenance of services and supplies following-up processes and maintaining up-to-date inventory and records;
- Reviews and prepares materials for common system activities relating to common services and premises, cost recovery, privileges and immunities, entitlement and salary surveys, security, etc. and represents UNFPA in related inter-agency meetings and working groups in the absence of supervisor;
- Supports the monitoring of programme financial performance for all core and non-core resources by providing necessary financial information and analysis, including implementation rate against indicators/ results. Detects potential over/under expenditure problems and suggests remedial actions;
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- Interprets financial policies and procedures, particularly relating to NEX and provides guidance and training to staff and project managers. Strives to identify ways in which programme financial needs can be met within existing policies;
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- Reviews and monitors charges for common services and cost recovery, taking into account maximum cost efficiency and represents UNFPA's interest in related negotiations and agreements;
- Performs other related duties as may be required.

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The Assistant Representative:
- Conducts substantive policy dialogue with Government counterparts and UN and other development partners to facilitate the incorporation of UNFPA's programme priorities, MDGs and ICPD agenda into national plans and strategies, UN systems initiatives and development frameworks.
- Translates global strategies into country specific advocacy strategies, creates and delivers effective evidence-based advocacy messages to promote UNFPA's programme goals taking into account political and social sensitivities.
- Promotes a results based approach and integrates innovative policies and strategies into the design and formulation of country programmes and projects based on strategic priorities and responsive to the countries' needs in the areas of reproductive health, population and development and gender.
- Facilitates the achievement of programme results by identifying, providing and coordinating substantive and technical inputs into programme development and implementation, ensuring substantive monitoring and oversight and coordinating and evaluating the inputs of consultants and technical experts.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and continuous learning, testing, linking and documenting innovative strategies, approaches, lessons learned and best practices inside and outside UNFPA and replicating these strategies and approaches. Ensures that programme staff integrate new substantive policies, methodologies and tools (Result-Based Management, gender concepts etc)
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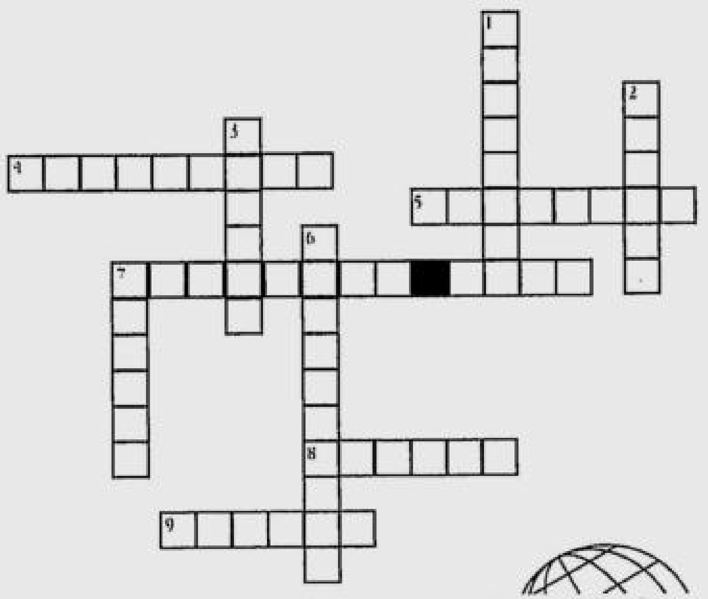

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Requirements:
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- At least 3 years proven track record in marketing of bank products & services
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- Must have established network clientele
- Has integrity and strong leadership qualities
- With good working knowledge of banking regulations and policies
- Excellent in public relations and is service-oriented
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

SERVICE HEAD

(for various Metro Manila & Provincial Branches)

➢ Responsible for the supervision of daily branch operations which include efficient delivery of customer service, custodianship of cash and other cash accountabilities and accountable forms.

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 2 years experience in branch banking
- With knowledge in both branch operations and sales
- Has integrity, strong leadership qualities and decision making skills
- Good working knowledge of banking regulations and policies
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

SALES EXECUTIVE

(for various Metro Manila & Provincial Branches)

➢ Responsible for marketing deposits with the end-goal of increasing the bank's deposit base
➢ Responsible for developing new clients for the bank with focus on certain defined target segments

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course, preferably Marketing
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- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- With pleasant personality, has confidence and likes interacting with people
- Must possess good selling skills
- With very good business connections
- Excellent marketing strategizing
- Excellent in public relations and service-oriented

HEAD, CASH MANAGEMENT

➢ Develops and implements various cash management products such as collection services, payroll, check writing, check cutting and other disbursement products
➢ Knowledgeable on product profitability templates

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With exposure and involvement with the setting up of cash management initiatives in the banking industry
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

HEAD, E-CHANNELS

➢ Develops and manages different channels of distribution through the electronic banking infrastructure to support the bank's business targets
➢ Works hand-in-hand with IT to prepare the business plan for launching of new E-channels products and ensures alignment and adequate capacity to support the channels
➢ Provides end-to-end product management of all E-banking products and identifies the potential customer sector and develops the implementation plans

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 3 years work experience in the same capacity
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

PRODUCT MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Job Summary:
➢ Responsible for the design, development and marketing of new products
➢ Reviews and modifies existing products to maximize profitability and meet customer needs
➢ Reviews new developments in company markets as researched by the Market & Business Analysis Officer, evaluates potential products and recommends the development of new products/modification of existing products in line with obtained market data

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 3 years work experience in the same capacity
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

B. AUTO FINANCE

AUTO-LENDING CENTER HEAD

(for Sta. Rosa, Baguio and Iloilo Auto Lending Center)

➢ Responsible for overseeing the achievement of loan volume and revenue objectives of the Auto Finance Group through solicitation of substantial auto and truck loan applications

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 3 years lending experience and knowledge in consumer loan documentation
- Familiarity with auto/truck dealerships and salesmen in the above-mentioned area
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

C. ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES

BUSINESS CENTER HEAD

North Luzon (San Fernando)

➢ Responsible for analyzing corporate and commercial loan applications to come up with sound evaluation of loan proposals based on credit policies, criteria and standards set by Management for use as basis for approval
➢ Ensures smooth flow and interface of all functions of the Center by constantly monitoring and supervising respective Account Officers

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 7 years work experience in doing related jobs in banking operations
- With knowledge in financial analysis
- With excellent leadership and marketing skills
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

ACCOUNT OFFICER

(for San Fernando, Bacolod and Davao Business Center)

➢ Responsible for loan packaging, administration and maintenance of existing corporate and commercial accounts
➢ Ensures fast, efficient and accurate processing of Applications for Accommodation (AA's) through effective analysis and evaluation of loan proposals
➢ Undertakes marketing activities including commercial products research and development
➢ Regularly updates the interest rates being offered by the Bank to ensure competitiveness with other commercial banks through periodic survey on prime and non-prime rates

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With at least 5 years work experience in doing related jobs in banking operations
- With knowledge in financial analysis
- With excellent leadership and marketing skills
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

D. TRUST

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course; Preferably Accounting
- With at least 2 years work experience in related job in a supervisory capacity
- With at least 1 year course attendance in Philippine Trust Institute (PTI).
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

E. CENTRAL OPERATIONS

CENTRAL CASH & CLEARING HEAD

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- With strong background in Head Office Central Cash and Clearing operations handling a cluster of branches
- Must be hardworking and able to multi-task and work well within a team
- Must be highly organized and dependable

PROCESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

➢ Development and improvement/simplification of operations processes
➢ Standardization of operations processes
➢ Formulation of operations policies

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course, preferably Industrial/Management Engineering and/or Business/Legal Management academic background
- With strong background in business process analysis and/or project management
- With at least 3 years banking operations experience, preferably in Remittance/Cash and Clearing operations
- Must be quality-driven and detail-minded
- Must be hardworking and able to multi-task and work well within a team
- Must be highly organized and dependable
- With strong written communication skills

CENTRAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER

➢ Responsible for providing over-all support to the Central Operations Group. This shall include:
  - Coordinating requests of branches/head office units with regulatory bodies such as BSP, PCHC, etc.
  - Preparation/consolidation of budget request/allocation, variances
  - Flexibility in handling all phases of bank operations

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business related course
- At least 2 years banking operations experience
- Hardworking and highly organized
- With strong written communication skills

F. REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT

DEBT RECOVERY OFFICER

➢ Responsible for the review and disposition of past due accounts with the end goal of reducing overall delinquency and increasing collection efficiency

Requirements:
- Graduate of any 4-year business course
- With at least 3 years work experience in debt recovery and remedial management
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

LITIGATION OFFICER

➢ Responsible for the prosecution of all legal actions on delinquent accounts with the end goal of expediting the recovery of past due receivables

Requirements:
- Lawyer; Bonafide member of the Philippine Bar Association
- At least 3 years experience in litigation
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

G. ACCOUNTING

HEAD – BUDGET, TAX and SPECIAL PROJECTS

➢ Responsible for the preparation of:
  - The Bank's budget in line with the Bank's objectives and goals
  - Tax returns and accurate computation of taxes and timely remittance to BIR
  - Guidelines on special projects of the department

Requirements:
- Graduate of Accounting
- With at least 5 years work experience in related job and 2 years in a supervisory capacity
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge in MS Word and MS Excel (spreadsheet)

HEAD, TREASURY OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

➢ Responsible for the:
  - Accurate and timely processing, documentation and booking of all money market, FX and FCDU transactions
  - Custodianship of government securities/bonds

Requirements:
- Graduate of Accounting
- With at least 5 years work experience in related job and 2 years in a supervisory capacity
- With at least 2 years of actual experience in foreign exchange operations or related activities (BSP Sec. 71 Circ.1389) or has undergone training in FX operations
- With excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills

H. AUDIT

HEAD, BRANCH OPERATIONS AUDIT

Requirements:
- Graduate of Accounting
- Preferably a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- With at least 5 years experience in branch audit (at least 2 years experience as an Audit Team Leader/Supervisor)
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HEAD - HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & SECURITY (Code: HESS)

- ✓ He/She will be responsible for managing, including planning and implementation of the various programs and initiatives of distribution in the fields of health, environment, safety and security as well as assume the role of Pollution Control Officer.
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HEAD, ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE (Code: ENG'G)

- ✓ He/She will be in charge of managing terminal engineering, maintenance and expansion projects of the company to ensure that the entire facility system is fit to support distribution plans.
- ✓ Must have a university or college degree in Engineering with minimum of 7 years experience in various aspects of marketing distribution or refinery, at least 3-5 years of which in supervisory or managerial capacity.

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- ◆ Must possess strong leadeship qualities
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- ◆ Must be computer literate

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- ◆ Minimum of three (3) years managerial experience in a direct/retail selling environment
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- ◆ Must possess a pleasing, aggressive and dynamic personality
- ◆ Must be computer literate

PERSONNEL OFFICER

- ◆ Female; between 25-35 years old
- ◆ Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or Human Resource Management
- ◆ With at least two (2) years experience in all facets of Human Resource Management
- ◆ Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
- ◆ Must have strong leadership qualities, organizational and interpersonal skills
- ◆ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality and can deal well with all levels in the organization
- ◆ Must be people-oriented, analytical, and highly motivated
- ◆ Must be computer literate

AUDIT ASSISTANT

- ◆ Female; between 26-30 years old
- ◆ Must be a Certified Public Accountant
- ◆ With at least two (2) years experience in Auditing work
- ◆ Must possess an analytical mind
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- ◆ Must be computer literate

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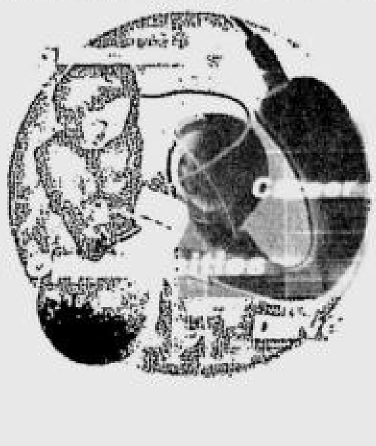

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- Must have impeccable integrity and good moral character
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- Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or Human Resource Management
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- Must be computer literate

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- Must be willing to work on weekends and holidays
- Must be proficient in both oral and written communications
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- Must be analytical and results-oriented
- Must have a good fashion sense
- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality, impeccable integrity and good moral character
- Must be computer literate mostly in Microsoft Excel

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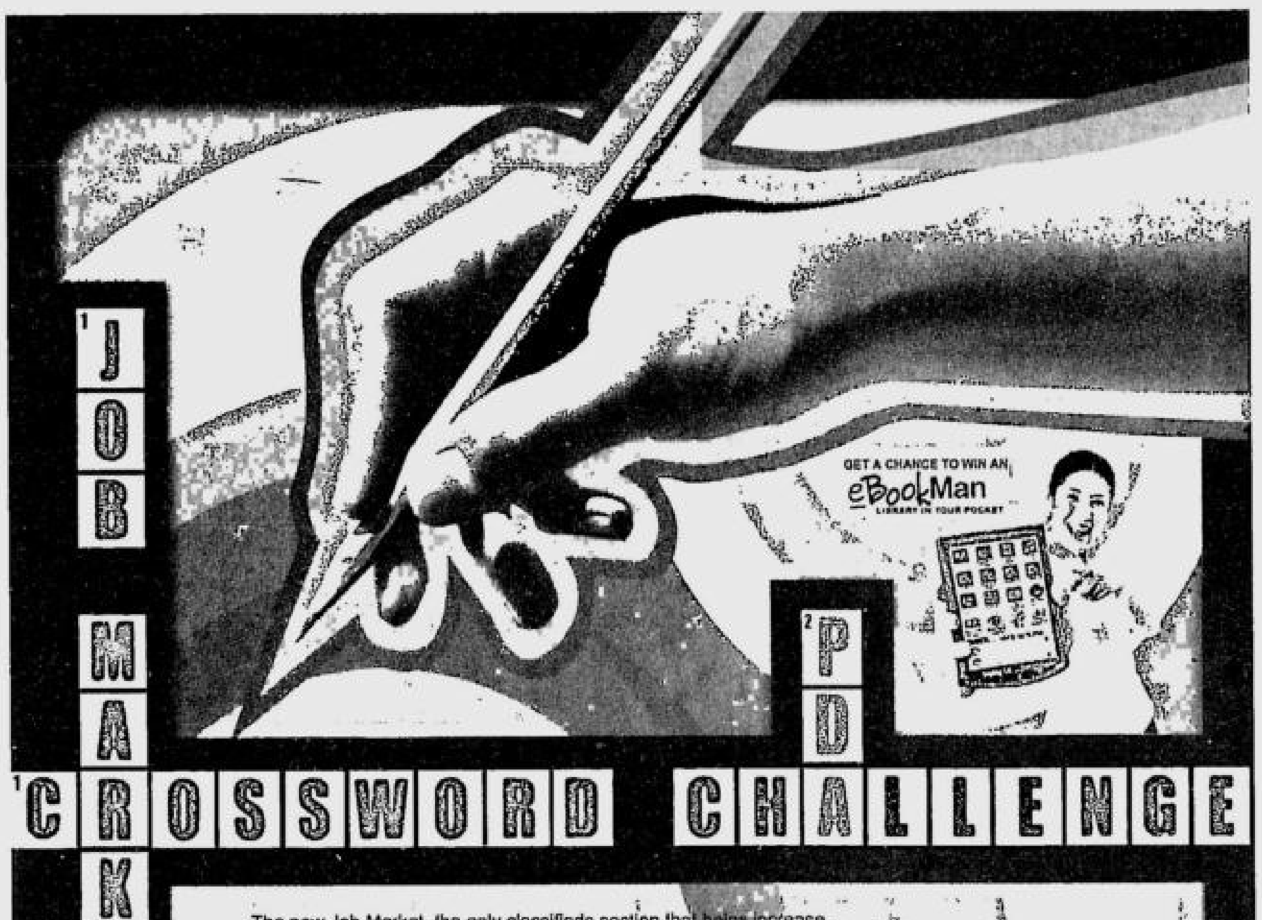

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- Applied knowledge of relevant business and procedures, including records management and filing procedures.
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POSITION TITLE	Item Numbers	Qualification Standards
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Clerk II (2 positions)	BOCB-CK2-1-2003 BOCB-CK2-2-2003	• Completion of two years studies in college • CS Sub Professional
Chief Customs Operations Officer (7 positions)	BOCB-CCOO-1-2003 BOCB-CCOO-2-2003 BOCB-CCOO-3-2003 BOCB-CCOO-4-2003 BOCB-CCOO-5-2003 BOCB-CCOO-6-2003 BOCB-CCOO-7-2003	• LIB, masteral degree preferably in Business, Statistics, Industrial/ Management, Engineering & MIS • 4 years supervisory experience preferably in audit, customs administration & operations • Management or research experience in an IT environment • Career Service Professional
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Customs Operation Officer IV (21 positions)	BOCB-COPO4-1-2003 BOCB-COPO4-2-2003 BOCB-COPO4-3-2003 BOCB-COPO4-4-2003 BOCB-COPO4-5-2003 BOCB-COPO4-6-2003 BOCB-COPO4-7-2003 BOCB-COPO4-8-2003 BOCB-COPO4-9-2003 BOCB-COPO4-10-2003 BOCB-COPO4-11-2003 BOCB-COPO4-12-2003 BOCB-COPO4-13-2003 BOCB-COPO4-14-2003 BOCB-COPO4-15-2003 BOCB-COPO4-16-2003 BOCB-COPO4-17-2003 BOCB-COPO4-18-2003 BOCB-COPO4-19-2003 BOCB-COPO4-20-2003 BOCB-COPO4-21-2003	• Bachelor's degree • 2 years of relevant experience • 8 hours of relevant training • Career Service Professional
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Bureau of Customs
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- With at least 3-years minimum experience in Project
- Management and Public Relations work.
- Proficient with basic computer skills including use of word processing, spreadsheets and database software.
- Good interpersonal skills, adaptability/flexibility and willingness to learn

In behalf of JICA, Takezawa Technology Transfer & Industrial Consultancy, Inc. (TTT-ICI) will handle this recruitment as part of our subcontracting agreement. All applicants must submit their Curriculum Vitae on or before JUNE 18, 2003 to TTT-ICI's office at: Unit-E Lower Ground Floor Westgate Tower Investment Drive Madrigal Business Park Ayala Alabang Muntinlupa City or E-mail to tttici@axti.com or fax to 772-1889.

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The Technical Manager
Advocate of Philippine Fair Trade, Inc.
47-A Road 2, Project 6, Quezon City
E-mail: [illegible]@apfti.org.ph / pftqc@apfti.org.ph
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Aircon & Ref. Technician

- With 5 years experience as ref/aircon technician
- 25 - 38 years old
- Metro Manila resident

Secretary

- Computer literate

Interested applicant should bring their resumé with 2x2 picture at:

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- Preferably with experience in manufacturing firm

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- Industrial Engineering / Licensed Chemical Engineering
- Male
- Not more than 30 years old
- Computer literate
- Very good in oral and written communication skills
- Can handle group with minimum of 200 production personnel
- Knowledge in Plant Operation Management an advantage

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- College graduate
- Female preferably single
- With pleasing personality
- Computer literate
- Not more than 25 years old
- Can compose business correspondences

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES

- Industrial Engineering / Licensed Chemical Engineering or other related courses
- Male or Female
- 21 to 23 years old
- Computer literate
- Very good in oral and written communication skills
- With high scholastic records

COMPANY NURSE

- Passed Nursing Board Exam
- Male or Female
- 21 to 25 years old

PROCESS OPERATORS

- College graduate of any Engineering course
- Male
- 21 to 25 years old
- Computer literate

CHEMIST

- Licensed Chemical Engineering / Chemist
- 21 to 25 years old
- Male or Female
- Familiar with Laboratory set up

Applicants are invited to come in person to our plant offices at Bldg. Y-1, JY & Sons Compound, Veterans Road, Taguig Metro Manila.

Please bring your resumé, 2 x 2 pictures, and Transcript of Records (if available).

Salaries / Benefits comparative with other companies in the industry awaits you!

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- proficient in oral and written English
- with news writing, proofreading, and editing experience
- knowledgeable in computer office applications and the internet
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Kindly send your comprehensive resumé, including expected salary range. (in.txtformat) to nl_mla@i-manila.com.ph deadline: 19 June

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VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC.

Is in need of the following:

1. Sports and Games Manager

- Graduate of any business course, should possess strong inter-personal, leadership and managerial skills
- At least 35 years old and knows how to play golf
- With at least five (5) years experience in planning golf tournaments and other sports activities.
- Familiarity with USGA/NGAP rules

2. Facilities Supervisor

- Civil Eng'ng/Architect graduate
- Not more than 35 years old
- Must possess leadership and supervisory skills
- At least three (3) years experience in construction preferably golf club
- Knowledge on services offered by Security/ Janitorial Agencies

3. Internal Audit Supervisor

- CPA, Male/Female
- With at least five (5) years experience, three (3) year in supervisory positions
- Knowledge in all audit functions and capable of developing and applying audit programs and procedures
- With good oral and written communication skills, especially in audit report systems
- Assertive, self-starter, possess high integrity and must be a team player

4. Caddie Services Supervisor

- College graduate, should possess strong inter-personal, leadership and communication skills
- At least 30 years old and knows how to play golf
- Three (3) years experience in golf club recording, caddie service standards, proper handling of golf bags with at least one (1) year in a supervisory position.

Submit your complete resumé, 2x2 photo and salary expectations not later than June 15, 2003:

**Human Resources Department
Valley Golf and Country Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 202 Q. Plaza
Cainta, Rizal 1900**

Or email it @
Valley_ogm@sfi.com.ph

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Development Corporation

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A real estate company invites highly qualified career individuals to be part of its continuous expansion. If you are aggressive, ambitious, hardworking, strongly motivated and with good inter-personal skills, then you are the person we want to fill up the following positions:

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Male or Female, with extensive experience in marketing of both subdivision and condominium projects from a prestigious real estate company. He/she must have the ability to motivate and inspire his team, aggressive and results-oriented. He/she must also be decisive, highly innovative, with excellent communication skills and computer literate. The candidate shall assume full responsibility for the department which includes:

- Conceptualization, development and implementation of marketing plans, strategies and programs to achieve the company's sales and marketing objectives;
- Lead and direct the marketing thrust of the Company including market research, pricing, advertising and promotion;
- Setting up of an in-house marketing group;
- Manage brokers' network

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The candidate must have a good knowledge and background on the different phases of real estate development, including:

- Evaluation of the project/s through the preparation of feasibility studies including financial projections;
- Coordination with the staff on the preparation of technical and subdivision plans
- Preparation of the requirements to be submitted to the different government agencies;
- Liaison with government agencies to facilitate the release of permits and licenses necessary for the project/s;
- Actual implementation of the technical, organizational, and financial aspects of the project through effective supervision of staff and interaction with other departments.

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**EHPI Development Corporation
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- good managerial skills

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- excellent managerial and negotiating skills

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- 25-32 years old, Licensed Mechanical Engineer
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- Male
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- Engineering Graduate (Mechanical, Civil or Industrial)
- Computer Literate
- With at least one year experience in the same field preferred but not required

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**HUMAN RESOURCES & RELATIONS DEPT. (HRRD)
240 Menlo Street, Pasay City 1300**

How do you deal with a boss who doesn't fight fair?

DEAR WW: I have a boss who doesn't fight fair. Whenever we have a disagreement about something, instead of considering our point of view he throws his weight around, does whatever he pleases and then he usually rubs our noses in it. Is there anything we can do to fight back?

Punching Bag

The way you describe your boss reminds me of my older brother. Once my brother, sister and I played Scrabble. (The ABC's of my family: my brother got straight A's, I got mostly B's, and my sister squeaked by with C's'though if grades were given for common sense, they would surely be reversed.) It was a friendly game until my brother laid down the word "porkyear." "Porkyear!" my sister and I protested. "Yeah, it's when they have a bumper hog harvest. Don't you ever read the newspapers?" Well, my sister and I were sure he was makin' bacon at our expense—but we felt hamstrung. After all we were dealing with a valedictorian: how could we lightweights challenge him? So guess who won the game?

Big brother

Well, sounds like you have big brother for a boss. And while it sounds like he's got you fairly hogtied, there are some things you can do to keep his punches above the belt. Start by checking out "Getting to Yes" by Fisher and Ury (Penguin, 1991). It's a classic on negotiation strategy and the following questions have been adapted from it:

WORKING WOUNDED
Bob Rosner

Can you spot your boss's sucker punch? Before you can change his behavior, you need to look past the generalized feeling that he fights unfairly and figure out exactly what he's doing. For instance, does he discuss your private concerns in front of others? Does he respond to every objection by deferring to his authority? Once you know his tactics, you can begin to address them.

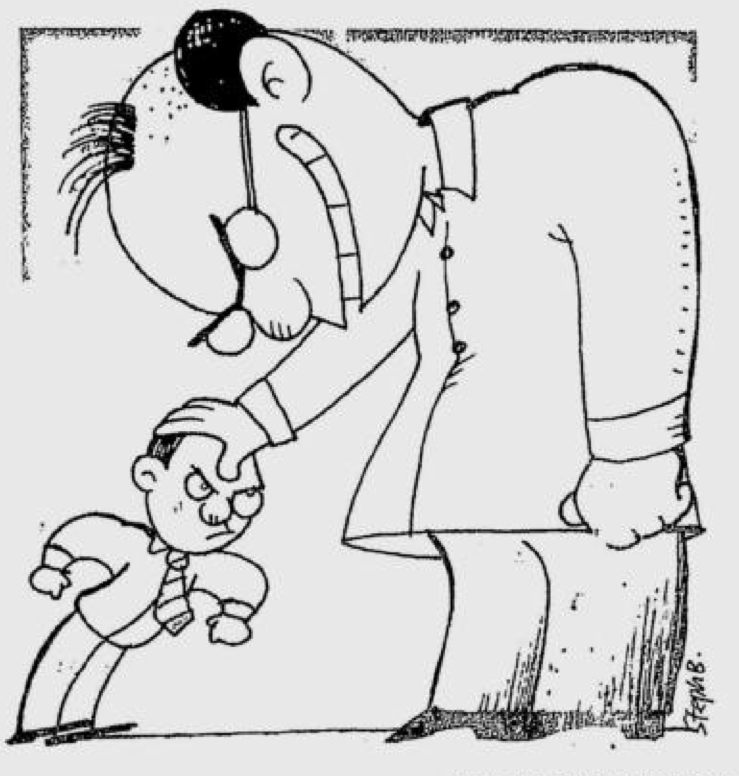
Strategic boxing

Can you raise the issue with him? In boxing, there are two categories—punchers and boxers. Punchers randomly strike out. Boxers plan their strikes strategically. In corporate boxing, it's rare for an employee to throw a punch at hér boss and live to tell the tale. You've got to be a crafty boxer who can raise an issue gracefully. A good way to do that is to start with "I" rather than "you." "I felt bad when you mentioned my concerns at that staff meeting . . ." is one non-threatening way to open this can of worms.

Are you prepared to throw in the towel? When all is said and done, your boss is still the boss. He may not change as a result of your most artful efforts. In that case, you'll have to accept defeat gracefully or move on.

You can engage your boss in a fair fight, but if you want to avoid your own personal "porkyear" and continue to bring home the bacon, you've got to be very careful and very strategic.

(Mr. Rosner is the author of "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com and Retention Evangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@workingwounded.com.*)*



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People at Work Live! Seminar Series on Career Development Strategies

THE SEMINAR series pushes through despite the typhoon. At the end of the event, Career Systems, Inc. training staff gives thanks to the Lord. From left are Jorge Santamaria and Josie Santamaria, Regina Reyes, PaW editor, Myra Lapus, Desi Urbi and Marie Cervania.

THE OPTIMUS group. Standing is Erwin Panaligan. Sitting from left is Jackie Sida and Jet Abugan.

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- FINANCIAL CONTROLLER (*Ref. No. 01*)
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  -Knowledge of Fidelio/IFCA;
  -CPA preferred but not required; MBA degree a plus.
- NIGHT AUDITOR (*Ref. No. 02*)
  -Minimum two (2) years experience in the hotels/resorts industry performing audit/financial accounting functions.
  -Knowledge of Fidelio/IFCA.
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  -Minimum two (2) years relevant experience in a similar or related position in the hotel and restaurant industry.

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- OPERATIONS MANAGER (*Ref. No. 05*)
  -Minimum 2-3 years experience in a similar position in the hotels/resorts industry.
- HOUSEKEEPING EXECUTIVE (*Ref. No.06*) / ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER (*Ref. No. 07*)
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- CHIEF ENGINEER (*Ref. No. 08*)
  -Minimum 2-3 years experience in a similar position in a hotel/resort setting.

SALES AND MARKETING

- SALES DIRECTOR/ASST. SALES DIRECTOR (*Ref. No. 09*)
  -Minimum five (5) years relevant sales and marketing experience in the hotels and properties management industry.
- SALES MANAGER (*Ref. No. 10*)
  -Minimum three (3) years relevant experience in sales and marketing, preferably in the hotel and restaurant industry.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGER (*Ref. No. 11*)
  -Minimum five (5) years relevant experience in food and beverage in a similar capacity.
- F&B SUPERVISOR (*Ref. No. 12*) / RESTAURANT MANAGERS (*Ref. No.13*)
  -Minimum three (3) years relevant experience in a hotel and restaurant setting.
- EXECUTIVE CHEFS, CHEFS (*Ref. No. 14*)
  -Minimum 3-5 years relevant experience in a hotel and restaurant setting.

In addition to the above minimum requirements, all applicants must be willing to be assigned outside Metro Manila to the properties managed by the Company. Qualified applicants may send their application letters and comprehensive resumes with a 2x2 ID picture to the following address:

The Regional Director for Human Resources
FilBarcelo Hotels and Properties Management Corporation
4th Floor, Adamson Centre
121 Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City

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Look for MS. ESTRADA

VCF Insulation & Trading Corporation
is in urgent need of an

Accountant

- CPA; computer literate
- 3-5 years experience in accounting work
- must work with minimum supervision
- pleasant/pleasing personality
- female; 25-35 years old, single
- must be residing near Cubao, Q.C.

Interested parties may apply in person or send their application to:

Rm. 6, Grnd. Flr., Maya Bldg.,
678 EDSA, Cubao, Quezon City
Tel. No. 912-3451 to 52

TECHNICAL STAFF
- BS ChE or BS Chem or Material graduate, Male, Licensed
- Presently working as a lecturer in University subjects specially Inorganic and Organic Chemistry
- Few years experience in operation or plants related to textile paper and leather is an advantage
- Preferably residing in Metro Manila and a holder of Driver's License

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
- Female, single, not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of any four-year college course
- With experience as Personal Secretary reporting to Senior Executive
- Knowledge of Chinese Language

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT
- Female, 20-28 years old, single, college graduate
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Interested Applicants may call:
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- Male, 24 to 30 years old
- College Degree Holder preferably Architecture, Interior Design, Engineering or related business courses
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- Preferably living within the vicinity of Pasig City

APPLICANTS MUST SEND THEIR RESUMES WITH TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS AND PICTURE TO:

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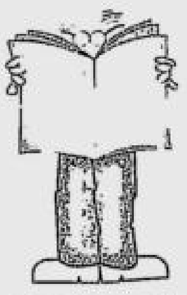

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Interested parties may send their detailed resumé with latest photo to:

THE ADM
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3/F, Sycamore Center, Alabang-Zapote Rd., Alabang, Muntinlupa City
You can also fax to 850-8921
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A PROGRESSIVE COMPANY URGENTLY NEEDS:

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

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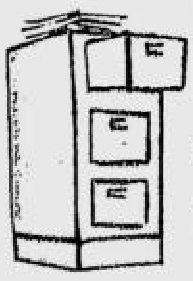

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- ✓ **Exceptional leadership qualities, resourceful and a team player;**
- ✓ **Computer literate & willing to travel.**

(2) Technical Services Assistant (Code: TSA)

- ✓ Designs, plans, & coordinates technical projects;
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- ✓ Responsible in managing project plans and timelines, writing specifications, creating documentation and evaluating project results;
- ✓ Graduate of Industrial Engineering. Graduates of other Engineering degrees will be considered if candidate has adequate post-graduate training and experience in Industrial Engineering; MBA or MSIE degree or units preferred.

(1) R&D Services Assistant (Code: RSA)

- ✓ R&D work on new products & production processes;
- ✓ Responsible for handling customer inquiries and extend technical services to marketing and other units;
- ✓ Food Technology graduates. Post- graduates in related technical fields preferred.

(2) Business Development Officer (Code: BDO)

- ✓ Develop markets and accounts for new products;
- ✓ Conduct market research and establish market trends and preferences;
- ✓ Oversee the movement of the market and competitive activities.
- ✓ Graduate of Business Administration (Marketing, Advertising), Communication Arts or Economics (MBA degree or units preferred).

(2) Industrial Engineering Manager (Code: IEM)

- ✓ Oversee an existing IE Program & monitor the work of up to 12 Industrial Engineers.
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- ✓ Graduate of Industrial Engineering. Graduates of other Engineering degrees will be considered if candidate has adequate post-graduate training and experience in Industrial Engineering; MBA or MSIE degree or units preferred.

(4) Industrial Engineering (Code: IE)

- ✓ Responsible for developing productivity improvement projects and project feasibility studies;
- ✓ Adept in the application of IE techniques in productivity improvement projects and project development work;
- ✓ Possesses creativity, resourcefulness, and maximum initiative;
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Careers of the future

TECHNOLOGY has already and will continue to shape our jobs and careers.

GRAPHICS BY ERNIE SAMBO

WE'VE seen plenty of jobs become extinct over the years and many more will disappear with improved technology. Automation and re-engineering are already replacing human labor across a wide swath of service-related fields.

According to the author of the "The End of Work," Jeremy Rifkin, computers will replace more and more jobs done by humans, even in the service sectors, simply because they are capable of performing many mental tasks performed by humans at greater speeds. In the short-term, IT may create jobs, but in the long term, it will eliminate the need for millions of employees.

In fact, Rifkin predicts that over the next few decades rising unemployment will become an even worse nightmare for governments around the world as fewer people will be required to produce the goods and services we need. But it's not all bad news. There are emerging sectors absorbing displaced laborers. These include IT and health and a new industry, which he describes as the "third sector."

Tomorrow's careers

Technology has already and will continue to shape our jobs and careers. Exactly how it will impact on our careers over the coming years, is not completely certain. But what we can be sure of is that it will launch us into a totally new workplace.

Professions we consider hip and trendy today, like that of Web producers or Web masters will certainly become outdated. Things will have moved on much further. Firms will be hiring Web-promotions producers and those skilled in Web marketing, as the new corporate world will want Web promotions "techies" capable of transmitting coupons to us on our cell-phones as we pass by a supermarket or mall, tempting us to buy a CD or suchlike.

Traditional skills won't become defunct; there'll just be an added technical aspect we'll need to get to grips with. So, for example, traditional marketers will need to acquire additional web-related marketing skills to get on in the marketing world over the next decade or two.

Growing job sectors

It's hardly surprising then that the IT and telecommunications sectors will probably see the biggest job growth worldwide, over the next few years. Of the 10 fastest-growing occupations, five are computer-related. They include computer engineers, computer support specialists, systems analysts, database administrators and desktop publishing specialists.

In response to the high demand for computer "techies," most parts of the world are already moving to create a supply of technically able professionals. This is evident even in most developing countries of Asia and Africa. Indeed, countries like India and Bangladesh already boast some of the best IT brains.

And this isn't the only sector boasting job growth. As the population ages around the world, there will be abundant opportunities in health services and in residential care. Jobs in the personnel supply services will also increase. Other job growth sectors include management and PR, security and commodity brokers for baby boomers with great assets to invest.

New third sector

There's also a whole new third sector with huge job opportunities, claims Rifkin. He defines the third sector as the volunteer, community, not-for profit causes dedicated to helping local communities, which vary widely—from campaigns to eliminate illiteracy to preparing and delivering food to the poor. In the US, this sector is growing and boasts economic clout that exceeds the GNP of most nations, says Rifkin.

However, the New World of work will require a different kind of manager, executive and leader. They'll be more humble, more international and certainly older. And the skills they will need, regardless of the sector they choose, will be the same across the board. Those that can deal with change, retrain, and keep up to date with technological advances will be in huge demand.

It's also imperative to be technically knowledgeable, as virtually all work in the future will require technical competence. "You don't have to be a programmer, but you should at least be aware of how technology can be applied. says Bob Critchley, DBM's international president and author of "Rewired, Rehired or Retired."

Abundant opportunities

Opportunities for truly versatile, knowledge workers, who can switch subjects in a blink and move from project to industry based on interest, instinct and demand, will be abundant. Many believe that as a manager, having a background in the industry you wish to enter will be less important than leadership and management skills.

Because of so much change, personal—interaction skills will become ever more important, as more routine work will be automated, leaving employees to do what's left. Good managers will stand out therefore (if they can interact with and manage people effectively).

Nevertheless, despite all these changes, there'll still be those professions that won't change as much as we think.

(Excerpts from Thomson/DBM's Tomorrow's World of Work Series)

'No to...'

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a system to ensure objectivity. These may be through tests, interviews and other practices. But we have to realize, all things being equal, the subjective factors can spell out the difference. An example would be an applicant's sunny disposition or his or her ability to respond to questions with composure. We also know that human resource professionals who are in recruitment have to cope with much workload and may not be able to explain to every rejected applicant the reasons for rejection.

Human weakness

Just like any other profession, human resource management would have high caliber professionals who are the epitome of humility, competence and commitment. And we have a few practitioners who are jealous, backbiting, playing politics, engaging in divisive gossip. In my consulting work, I have encountered many types. Why do they do this? Give it to human frailty. But let not these few affect your perception of human resource people.

What is important for me, as a consultant is to counter every negative attitude with kindness and prayer. It also means that, when making recommendations, to constantly consider the common good rather than pandering to individual interests. In the end, things work out well. For indeed, human resource professionals, because their decisions and actions can harm or uplift people, have to try to be models of ethical conduct.

Validate feedback

Now, what can one do if a former employer says negative things about you? One, reflect on the negative feedback and test for validity. What caused your former employer to have such perceptions of you? Remember, we are responsible for people's perceptions of our actions. Then, resolve to correct or check the behaviors that may have caused the perceptions.

Two, get your facts straight. Do you have clear and compelling evidence of the negative things said? If you have prepared an authentic and honest explanation of your side of the story when called for an interview, do not be defensive about negative information. Instead, face it squarely.

Three, as you said, people have short memories. Eventually, they get over negative information like this. What is important is for you to live the present moment well, creating a new track record of commitment and reliability. Take care.

(Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send comments, feedback or requests for advice through e-mail to advice@ancillaedc. com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

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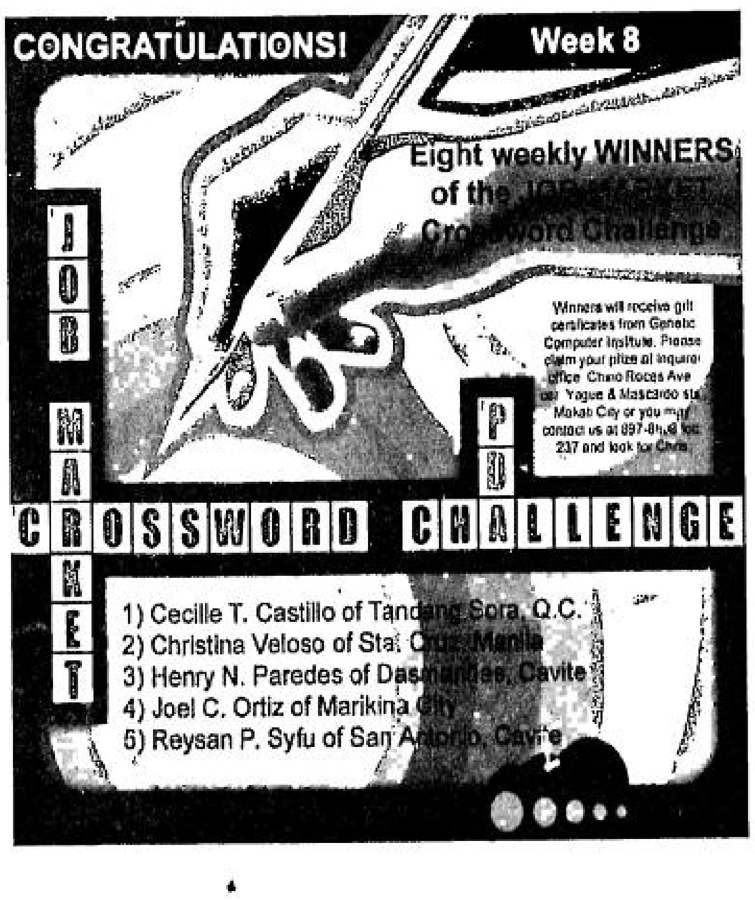

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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK
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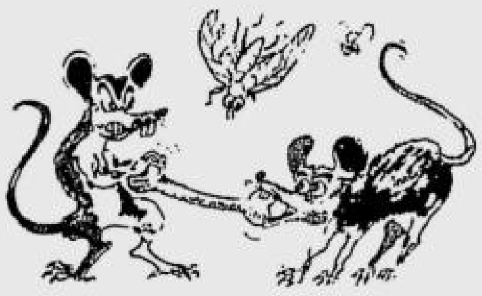
Throw out our internal garbage!

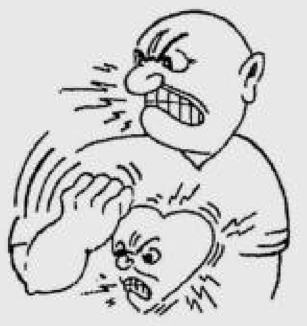
By Teresa Reyes Tunay
Illustrations by Rolando Reyes

1 HOW do efficient workers stay in top form? They clean up their workstations and empty their trashcans at the end of each working day, in preparation for the next. If we empty our work area of garbage each day to keep it clean, organized and healthy, we should do the same thing to our minds, and hearts.



2 If we are careless about sanitation, we invite pests to our workplaces, especially if our trashcans hold bits of leftover lunch and snack. Soon, cockroaches and little mice will be our regular "visitors" after office hours.

3 Our minds and hearts are like trashcans too, that must be emptied each day. Otherwise, our internal garbage can will pile up to bring diseases.



4 What are these "internal garbage?" Many of them are those events during the day that leave a bad taste in the mouth, something that made us angry or irritated.

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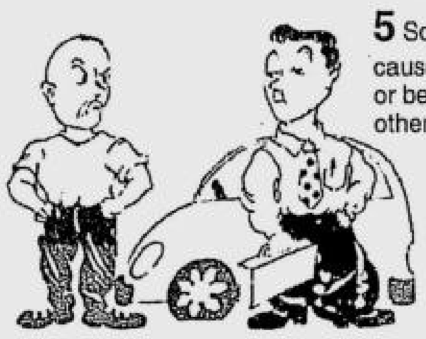

5 Something that caused us to envy or be jealous of others.

6 Something that provoked us and made us snarl at innocent co-workers or regard them suspiciously.

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7 All these we should discard at the day's end. Otherwise, they will pile up and their weight will weaken us and damage our innate goodness.

8 There is yet another kind of trash to throw away each day—the sweet-smelling trash. Did we get a lot of back patting from the boss during the day?

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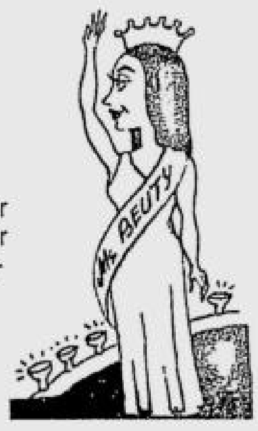
9 Were we tickled pink that people complimented us about our genius, our '*artista*' looks and our outstanding achievements?



10 While we naturally need such compliments for self-esteem, they could also easily accumulate and turn into "ego candy" and if we do not take care, they can make us smug and swellheaded.

11 To prevent internal trash buildup, we "empty" each day. As we discard our workplace garbage, we mentally ask forgiveness for our hard feelings and give thanks for the nice feelings that came our way. With garbage-free minds and hearts, then, we leave our workplaces, sleep in peace, wake up refreshed and ready for another productive working day.

PRIDE
Negative
ANGER
WORRY
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'No to an employee blacklist'

Advice
FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

By Tita Datu Puangco

YOU reinforced my previously wavering faith in the integrity of HR practitioners. Your column made my week! I agree with the views you expressed in your May 7 column about not having a blacklist for "undesirable" employees and the reasons you've listed. Like you said, the reasons an employee may be labeled undesirable are too many and therefore can be subject to abuse. Unlike a credit blacklist, which has only one criterion, that the person can only be listed if they have an outstanding obligation they refused to pay. An HR blacklist may be for "unsatisfactory" performance-amorphous descriptions, which may be hard to prove, unless there is one measuring stick for all HR practitioners.

However, like you, I believe the sharing of information on "undesirable" employees already exists informally. Organizations for HR professionals exist and since they are in contact with each other, they can express their views to one another, especially for the HR professionals in the same sector. Or they could be friends who've worked with each other previously. In fact, a friend has related how this "power" has worked to my detriment.

Woe to us who get into a wrong company right out of college. I know of many people who are terrified to move on thinking that their resumes would appear bad because they only stayed at the company for less than a year. They fear that the HR people may not be happy with them; thus, ruin their chances of actually moving on.

Thankfully, I've gone past that and have proven the detrimental opinion from a previous employer wrong. I sometimes wish I were in HR so that I can help make the process of hiring more transparent. I believe the transparency would motivate the people to deliver a better quality of work. Keeping people in the dark about what is needed in a certain job only fuels speculation that it is only "connection" that matters. Transparency empowers people with the information, so they can go about preparing themselves for the positions they seek.

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In a country with an ever-increasing unemployment rate, HR practitioners have the privileged position of steering the human resource to greater productivity. Thank you for the work you've done! Your column is very motivating. Now, how should one handle the people from a previous employer who have been saying bad things to prospective employers?

Anti-Blacklist Advocate

Thank you for reinforcing my views against blacklisting employees. On the concept of transparency around hiring, most companies would have

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Meditating upon a banana

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

A TOTALLY unexpected insight came to me recently while I was bound to my seventh dextrose bottle in a hospital room. At breakfast, while idly lining up the banana slices I had yet to finish, I discovered a pattern in the core of the *lakatan*: a tri-branch design with a still smaller version at the center of it. Depending on how it's viewed, it could look like an electric fan's blades, a three-leaf clover, a pinwheel, or the Holy Child silhouette, but then it reminded me of something invisible: the Holy Trinity.

Fancy encountering the Holy Trinity inside a banana! But—is there anything really strange about that? Doesn't it say in the Bible that God is everywhere—in the heavens, beyond the sea, beneath every rock you turn, in the wood you split, in every grain of sand, etc.? So why not inside a banana?

If God can be everywhere, then we can surely "find" Him in our workplaces, too—in the inanimate objects that surround us like ball pens, staplers, nuts, bolts, paper clips, coffee mugs, and in the living beings around us like plants and flowers, the fishes in the aquarium, our customers and coworkers.

If we can "see" the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in everything—animate or inanimate—we would probably treat all man-made things with due respect and all of creation with reverence. We will stop wasting things and cease putting one over our brother. Seeing the holy in everything will plant the seed of a new kingdom on earth.

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Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Evidence of the Trinity

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

THAT God is a Trinity—one God in three persons—is a mystery, which the human mind cannot fully grasp. This incomprehensible reality may make us feel that God is so distant from our day-to-day living. Yet Jesus assures us that God is always with us and is in every place we are and work.

Some companies bear signs of the divinity through sacred images and symbols enshrined in some corners of the work area or by the spiritual and inspiring pictures and phrases mounted on strategic corners of the work place. Management does well not to mind additional expenses in installing these concrete signs that remind the workers of God's abiding presence. Like advertisements, which attract the attention of people to and stir up in them the need for some products or services, these signs rouse the workers' awareness of their spiritual need of the loving presence of God.

The indwelling of the Triune God in the workplace is real when management, with the Father's love, does its utmost in providing justly and generously for the needs of the workers; when the workers, in turn, like the loving and obedient Son of God, make the interest of the company their own, and work ungrudgingly and faithfully for its success; and, when like the Holy Spirit—the Love of the Father and Son—the mutual love and care of both management and labor becomes the company's standard of excellence. The company having a caring and serving community of workers and employers is a convincing evidence of the mystery of the Blessed Trinity!

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The Photographers' Issue

Romy Gacad

Pinoy Eye on the Front Line

From Afghanistan to Iraq, world-class photographer Romy Gacad puts his life on the line so people can see what war is really about

By Ruel S. De Vera
Photograph by Spc. Jake Boyer, US Army

IT'S almost like New Year's Eve, Romeo "Romy" Gacad thought to himself as he took in the lethal light-and-sound show: lances of fire rising over his head before landing with earth-shaking explosions. It was April 6, 2003, and Romy saw the American soldiers keeping alert all around him. As they held Baghdad International Airport in Iraq, the coalition forces were unleashing a powerful fusillade on the Iraqi Republican Guards.

Just the day before, Romy was at this same airport aboard a Blackhawk chopper that had airlifted three wounded servicemen. Instead of a rifle, Romy was holding a camera as a professional photographer "embedded" with coalition troops. "Two days after," Romy recalls, "we walked out and saw that the front line was less than a kilometer away. That was the most intense bombing during my stay in Iraq." The remarkable thing is that for Romy, Chief Photographer for Agence France-Presse in Manila and a veteran war photographer, it was nothing new.

The 43-year-old Romy's role in freezing the world's conflicts through a telephoto lens began in 1959 for this youngest of eight children of a retired army officer and his homemaker wife. In high school, he learned the rudiments of the photographic arts from his brother, and the hobby quickly turned into a passion. Taking up Fine Arts at the University of the Philippines, he shot frames for the Philippine Collegian before leaving school in 1980 to take his first job—as photographer for the Ministry of Human Settlements. Fed up with the excesses of the Marcos era, Romy left to become a freelancer for the alternative press. "That was the height of the anti-Marcos movement so it was better that school," Romy explains. "It became a social commitment, because you're showing people what's really happening in the country."

Romy also began working for the wires, and hooked up with the photo agency Sygma before being hired by AFP in 1985. Thus he wound up recording the heady events of the Edsa revolution for the French wire service while also helping set up the Manila office. It was a dynamic adventure covering local political developments before he was sent abroad to cover his share of international events, his coverage of the 1986 Asian Games in Seoul being his first foreign foray.

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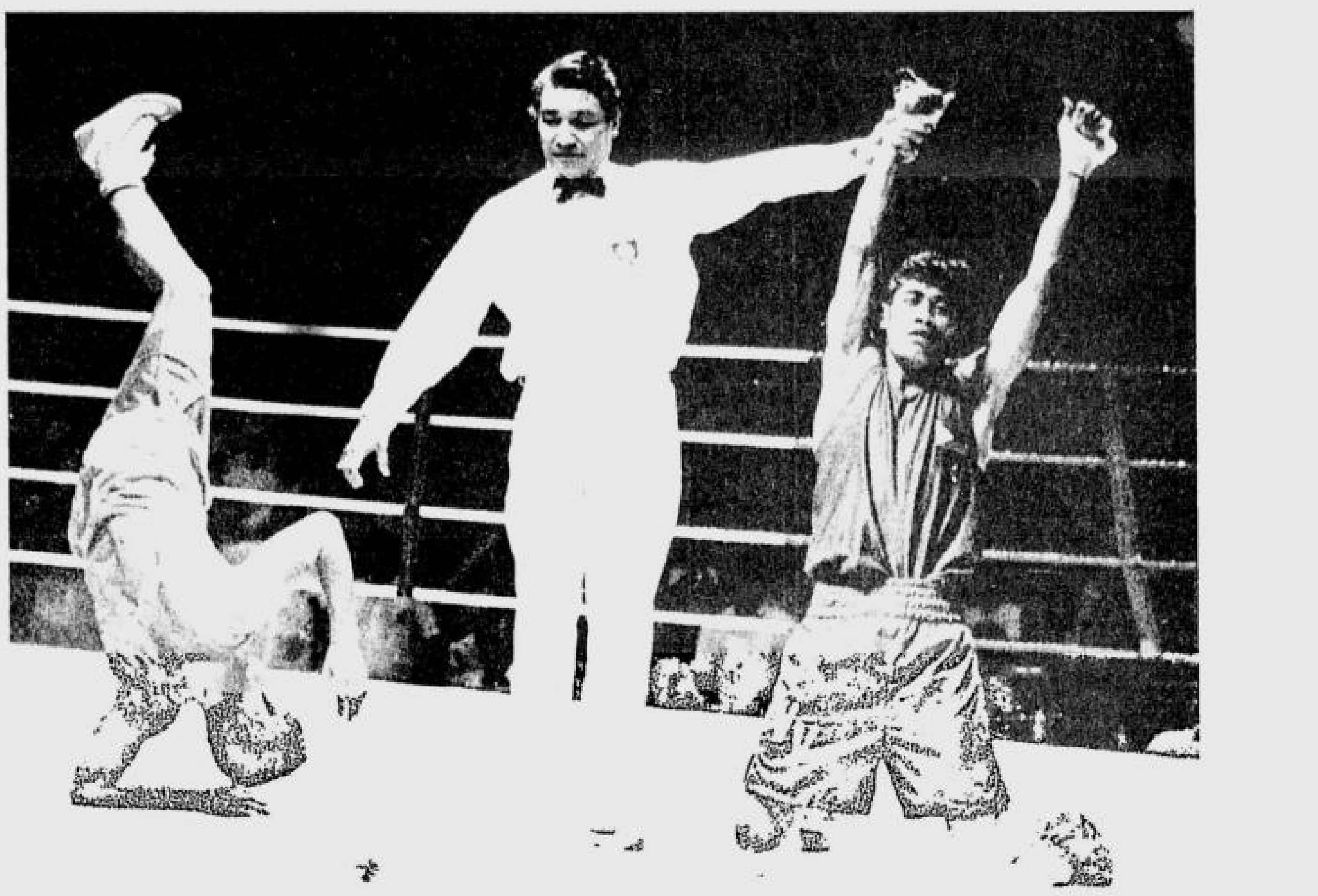
Raul Guerrero:

A Good Sport



For Raul Guerrero, photography isn't just a job, it was literally his way to a better life. The 53-year-old lensman was the sixth child in a brood of eight, growing up amid humble surroundings in San Andres Bukid in Manila and finishing high school at Araullo High School. Unable to go to college, he instead took up a vocational course in commercial photography at Araullo "when I noticed my neighbors were making money as commercial photographers," he answers in Filipino. A friend worked in the Daily Express and through him, Raul was able to join the newspaper's amateur photography club in 1981. Two years after, he finally joined the staff of the fledgling Times Journal. He never left and grew in his craft, covering hard news first and eventually leaning towards sports. "I really like sports," he says. Aside from helping him win one contest after another, Raul's photography has helped him find a better life for himself, his wife and three kids. "It really changed my life." These days, he is the point man in covering the PBA's visual images for the popular People's Journal, People's Tonight and Taliba. Away from the office, Raul raises fighting cocks in his spare time. Apparently that fighting spirit he developed growing up and covering sports lives on even in his hobbies.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

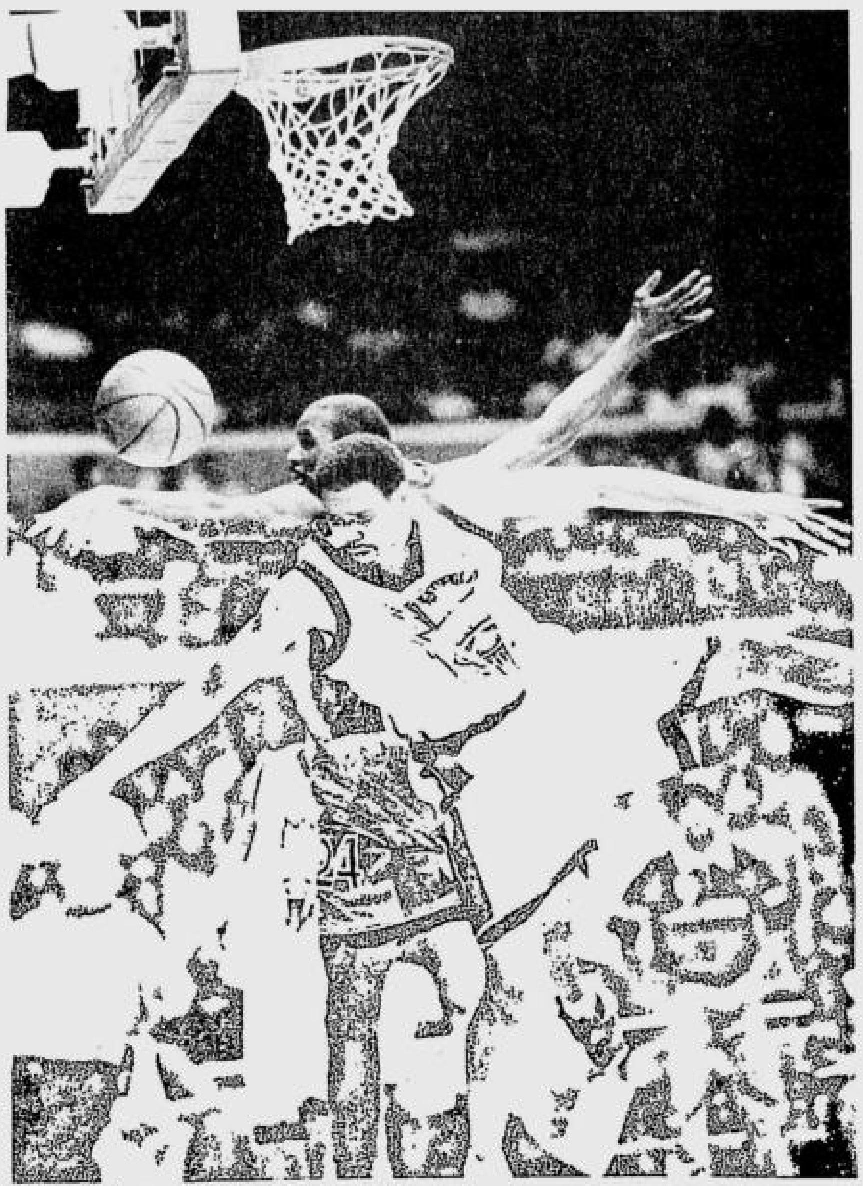
What makes a good photograph?

Yung naiiba. Something that nobody else can catch. Like my photograph of the Olympic boxing trials in Cebu—it's just different.

What about the shot that got away?

There have been many. Either I lacked the equipment or didn't get to go. I have only been abroad once, to Malaysia for the SEA Games, and I want to cover more big international events.

Ruel S. De Vera



This head-over-heels boxing scene, top, and balletic PBA duel typify Raul's sporty sense

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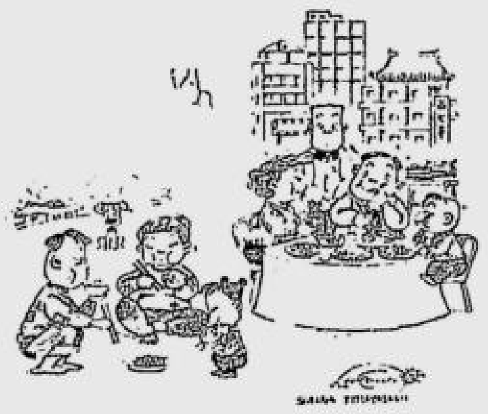

SATIRICAL CARTOONS Selected leading cartoonists from Asian countries have created humorous and satirical cartoons with the theme "Images of My Asian Neighbors." The featured Filipino cartoonist is Rene A. Aranda. The cartoon artworks can be viewed from June 18 to July 1 at the Level 4 of Shangri-La Plaza Mall. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Instructions for Malling

Upon entering, subject yourself to security
inspection as if it were not routine. Show
that you have nothing to hide but yourself.
Wander into basement stores cool in white
lights shining upon granite tiles and marked-
down prices; don't believe in signs that shout
Last Day. Ask where the nearest toilet is, ask
if the automated teller machine is online, then
smile and say thanks even if you got a shrug
for an answer. If you come across a lost child,
cry for your lost childhood and see if you can
find the father without being the mother. Lose
yourself among computer game booths loud
in the recreation of reality, where, crashing
the virtual racecar you do not die. Game over.
Get over it. Go on, feel your hands grasping
the escalator's handrail that sometimes tugs
as if wanting to break free. Let it go. Hold on
to hunger instead, walking fast past the pizza,
the hamburger, the spaghetti. Settle for soup
and solitude. Somebody in this mall is shop-
lifting, somebody's not celebrating a birthday,
and at the second to the last full show some-
body is dozing off at the cinema's second
to the last row. Savor your shopping for them.
Ask if the store accepts credit but pay cash.
Take the credit for what you didn't buy. Blame
no one for what you purchased. Don't ask for
an extra bag. Exit without ceremony, treading
lightly on the floor being mopped as you pass.

Sid Gomez Hildawa

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine accepts contributions for our regular poetry section. Interested contributors should send a printed copy of the poem (which may be in English or Filipino) together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ruel S. De Vera, poetry editor, Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Chino Roces (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Mascardo and Yague Streets, Makati City 1263, or e-mail to <poetry_sim@inquirer.com.ph>

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

'Amainang Diyos'

There exists in Amainang Diyos a strong and charming unity. Amaina is Man. Amaina is Woman

ONE of my favorite folk stories when I was growing up was the story about God whose name is Amainang Diyos. Amaina, being a pure spirit, is genderless. In the eyes of a child, Amaina is as lovely, faithful and sweet as a mother and as strong, smart and funny as a father.

In the eyes of a scholar, Amaina has the "left brain" of a macho, no-nonsense achiever and the "right brain" of a tender, loving woman.

Amaina, in other words, is both an American Superman and a Darna Filipina, Creator and Designer of the Universe, Warrior and Caregiver, prosecuting judge and defense attorney, Father and Mother to us—all in One Person.

There exists in Amainang Diyos a strong and charming unity. Amaina is Man. Amaina is Woman. Amaina is both Father (*Ama*) and Mother (*Ina*). In Catholic Theology, Amaina also speaks of a Son He calls "Beloved" (Mt. 4:17) who calls him "*Abba, Pater*" (Mk. 14:16) which means "*Itay*, my Father," and both Abba and Son (*Anak*) speak of a mutuality which makes each a receiver of the other's gift. Whatever Amaina is, the Son receives, and everything the Son receives he gives to Amaina. Amaina does not keep anything from Anak; the Anak does not withhold anything from Amaina. The bond of unity between Father and Son—the vibrancy of this Love, says Catholic theologian, Denis McBride, is called Spirit of Amainang Diyos, the Sangtatlo in One God. This is the inner life of God which is both a mystery and a miracle. To try to fathom, to understand and to debate about it is dangerous because if one day you could figure Him out, then He is no longer God.

Perhaps the best way to deal with Amainang Diyos is "to be still, and know that He is God" coming to you as a Spirit loving you like a Father and Mother, and forgiving you like a dear friend whoever you may be—woman or man, saint or sinner, rich or poor, schooled or unschooled. And this God (whom you don't see) dares you to become like His Son (whom you can see). Talk to Him today, and the Spirit will speak to your heart about this Diyos Amainanganak. Try it today. Fear not. Just believe.

Today, June 15, is the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity.

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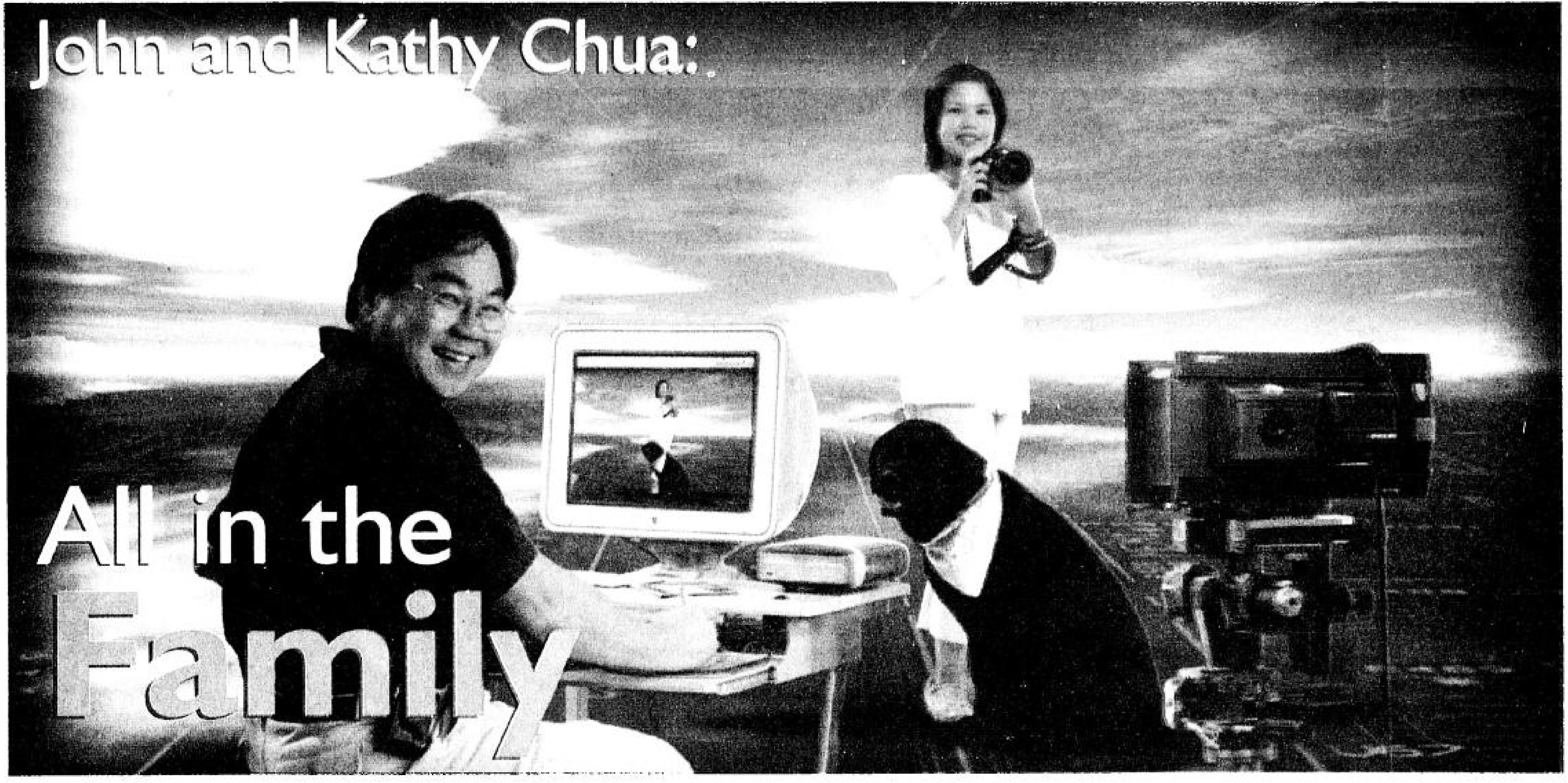
The Center for Migrant Youth (CMY) community will celebrate Pope's Day (13th Sunday of Ordinary Time) on June 29 at Shepherd's Place (CMY House of Prayer) in Bukal, Dasmariñas, Cavite. Please bring something for our Agape Brunch after Holy Mass at 10 in the morning. Also please help CMY provide the poor resident students with school supplies like college notebooks, yellow pads, transparent folders, ballpens and sign pens, pouch bags, etc. We are grateful.

John and Kathy Chua:

All in the Family



Veteran advertising photographer John Chua entered the profession in classic fashion, with little more than a camera and a burning desire to take pictures.

"In 1973, when I entered advertising photography, I had no formal education in photography, no capital and no network of contacts. All I had was an old, trusty camera, and a feeling that all I wanted was to be a photographer."

They were enough.

"I worked night and day to learn my craft, committing many mistakes and learning from them. I plowed back into photography most of what I earned from it by buying more equipment and tons of photography books."

At 50, Chua discovered a second love: flying. In 1998, he undertook a cross-country flight, documenting the adventure with aerial landscapes that later formed an exhibit.

Three years ago, he was bitten by the photography bug all over again; this time it was digital photography that kindled his passion.

"Every day, I feel that I am just beginning, just starting. The magic of capturing images and moments still thrills me, although digitally now instead of film. In addition, I am grateful that this profession has afforded me the time and resources to do the other things I love—flying, traveling, adventures and misadventures, and the chance to share these with my family, friends and fellow photographers."

Chua is particularly pleased that his daughter Kathy, 23, has chosen to follow in his footsteps, and is now a professional in her own right.

"It's really not hard to pick up photography when you literally grew up in a studio like I did," recounts Kathy. "However, it was when I borrowed my mom's red snappy idiot-proof camera for a second grade field trip that they guessed I might be a shutterbug. I can't tell you that my first 24-shot roll showed promise, because it didn't."

Even as a child, Kathy sensed that a camera was a passport to adventure, since her dad would let her tag along on his travel assignments. As soon as she was old enough, her parents enrolled her in workshops. They encouraged her but didn't force photography on her.

Not that they had to. Kathy majored in Photography at De La Salle University. The turning point came when she entered the Cathay Pacific Wilderness Contest, an essay writing contest. The winner would be sent on a 10-day trip to South Africa.

In her winning essay, Kathy wrote: "I am a photographer." Then she added: "My dad's a professional photographer, he's taught me how to shoot… and he said if you send me, he'll send me everything I need to take great pictures."

"True to his word, dad shipped me off with two camera bodies (one of which, a Nikon f90x, was my first camera), a monster lens (80-200mm), 40 rolls of film and the urge to prove myself a worthy photographer. I haven't stopped shooting since."

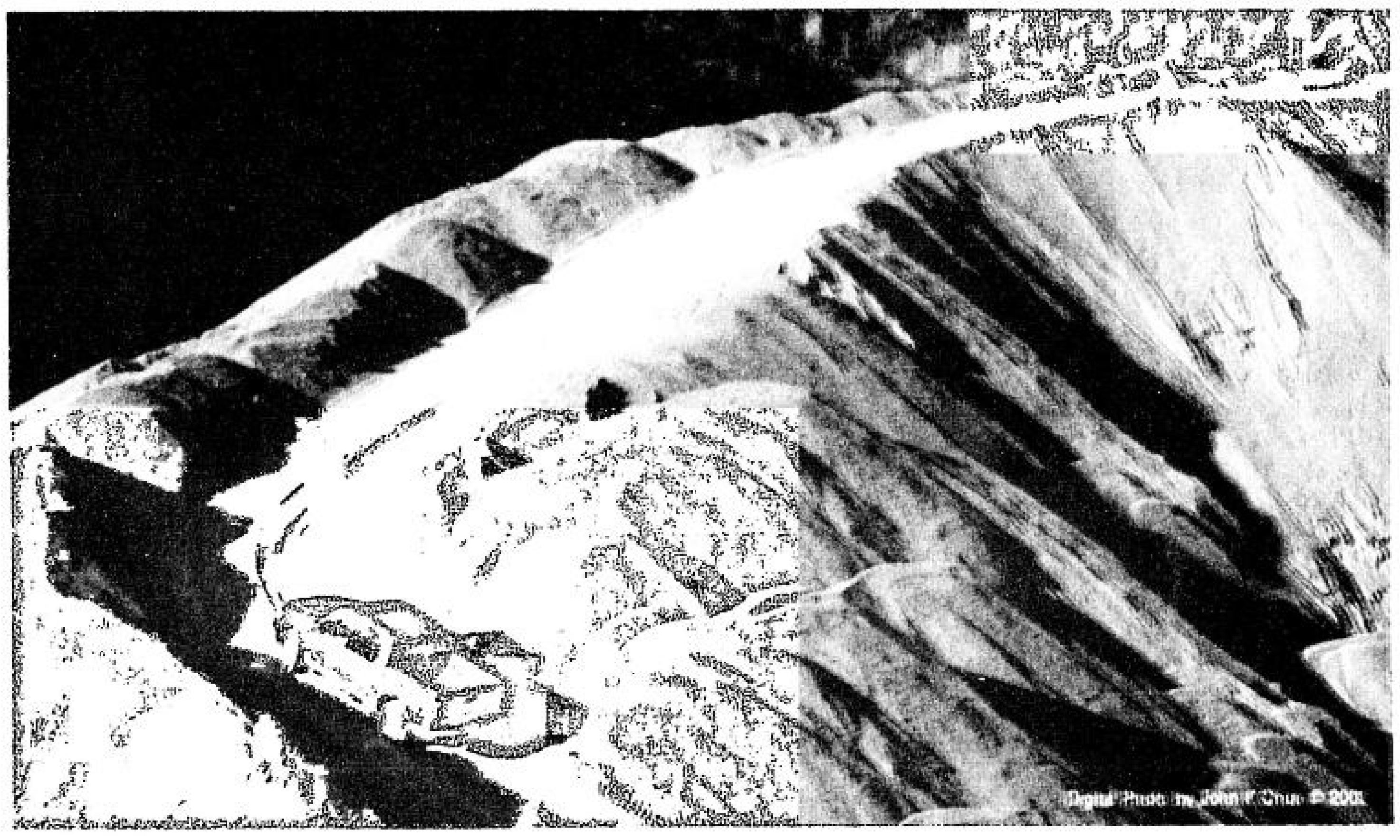
Now she's working in the family agency, Adphoto Inc.

"I believe she will be a better photographer than her father," says John. "She has the passion, the eye and the guts to define herself. She will follow in my footsteps only for a little while, and then she's on her own."

What makes a good photograph?

John: A good photograph makes you think. Times have changed. It used to be that a good photograph must follow rules in composition, exposure and other techniques. Today, it's different. Beautiful pictures are not enough. In these times of instant gratification, viewers are exposed to millions of images. For a single image to hold you captive even for a second and yet to linger in your mind, it must have impact —something to make it stand out. Sometimes that means having to break some rules.

Kathy: For me, a brilliant picture is one that makes you wonder how the photographer achieved the image. It might not always tell a story, or it might not have followed all the rules of lighting and composition, but any photograph that makes you think a while after you've seen it must be a successful one.



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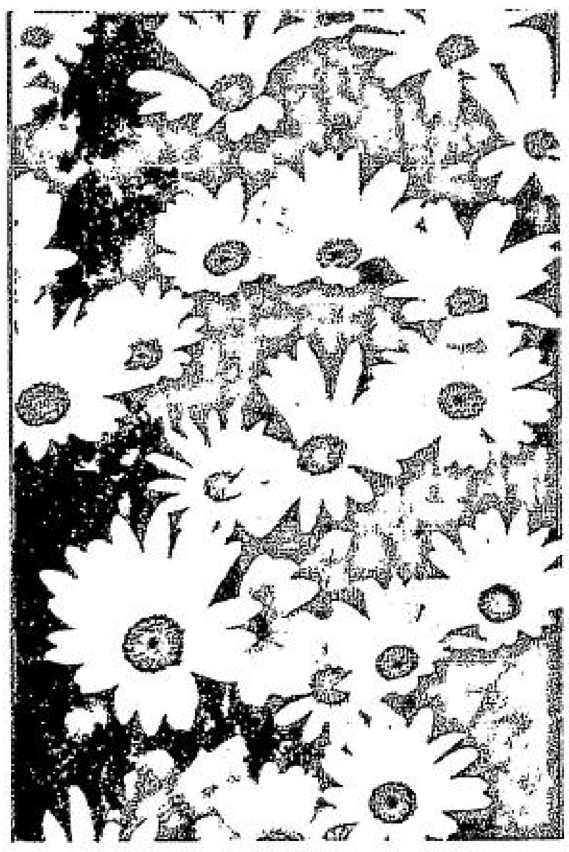
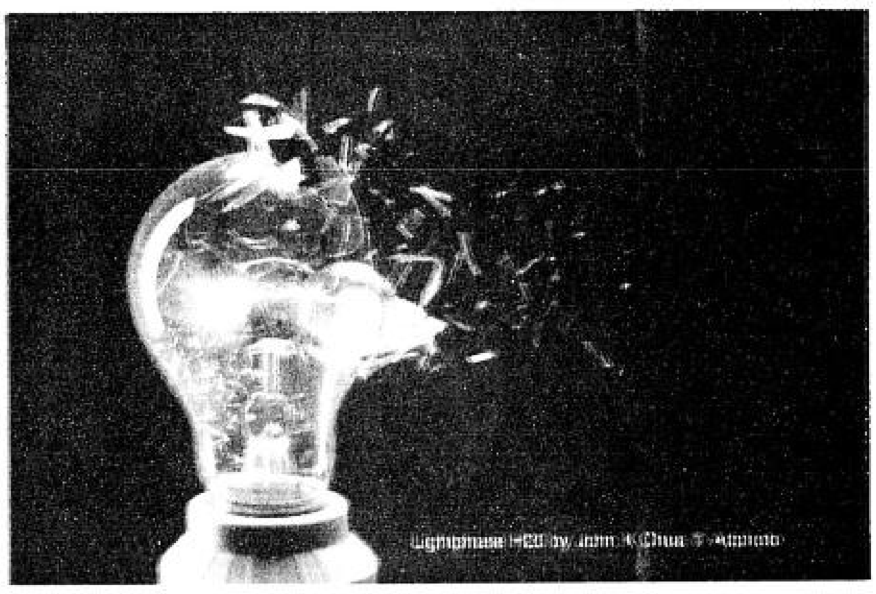




Lightphase H2O by John K Chua © Adphoto

Teamwork: Clockwise from bottom, Kathy's newshound and field of flowers; two of John's digital advertising images

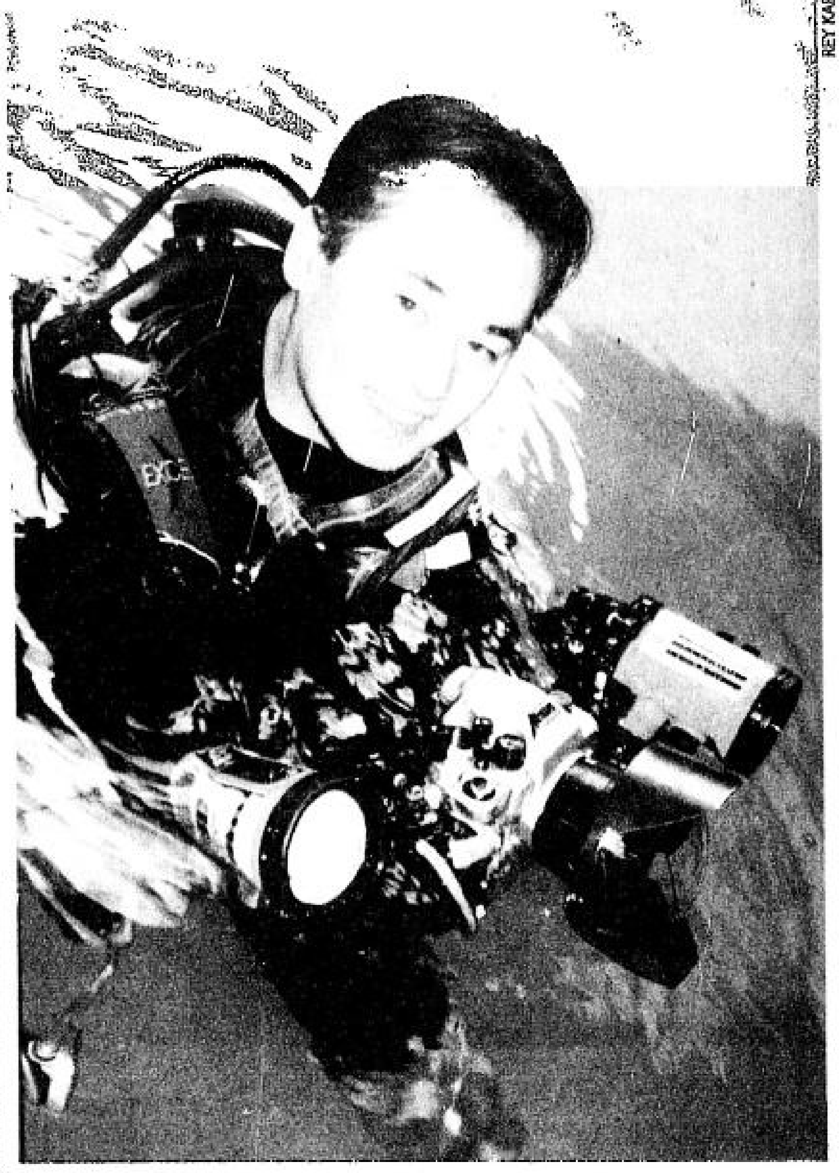
What about the shot that got away?

John: There was one time while I was in the flying field in Mabalacat, Pampanga, watching hot air balloons floating gracefully in the early morning light. I would just imagine the image of a balloon over the lahar area. For 10 minutes I just stood there and wished I could capture the perfect shot. I finally said to myself that I must do it. I jumped in an ultra light plane and took off with my wife. I flew the plane close to the balloons and started shooting. Since I have to free my hand from the joystick of the plane to press the shutter of the camera, the plane started to dive. I knew then that I could not shoot and fly at the same time. I circled around and gave the camera to my wife and came back to the balloons. I had programmed my camera to be on automatic so that all she had to do was point and shoot. I positioned the plane to the desired angle and would nudge my wife when to press the shutter. The pictures she took were beautiful, and one special one was even published in magazines and newspapers. Until today, we "argue" who took the shot. It was my idea, it was my camera and I piloted the plane that positioned her to capture that photo. But she signed her name on the photograph, saying that it was her eye that looked through the viewfinder and her finger that pressed the shutter. That was how I missed my "perfect shot."

Kathy: There was one this morning! Biking along the bay getting my morning dose of exercise, I noticed a woman lounging about on one of the benches. She looked like she worked at night, if you get what I mean. If she had been alone, I probably wouldn't have noticed, but sitting right beside her was a very neat looking young woman who was quite intent on delivering the "Good News." The look on this woman's face was priceless and the contrast between the two ladies and their expression was just amazing. While one woman was calmly reading passages from the Bible, the other was openly showing her scorn, but for some reason didn't leave her spot. Both women were just really holding their ground. I really wished I had a camera—and perhaps enough courage to actually take the picture.

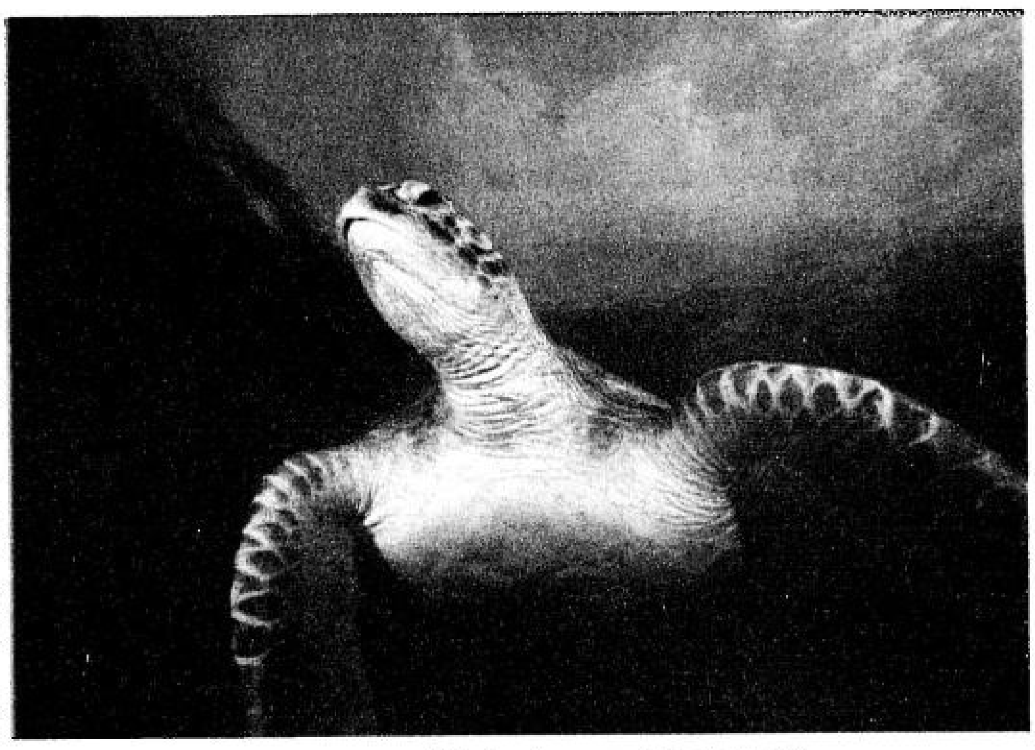
Eric S. Caruncho

Sammy Ang: An Eye for the Exotic



REY KABIGTING

ALTHOUGH he was nowhere near the water growing up, it was a childhood fascination with exotic underwater creatures—and a rather intense pity for the crabs his mother brought home to cook one day—that got Dr. Sammy Ang interested in scuba-diving and, subsequently, underwater photography. "It was an interest in the oddities of marine life. I guess they touched the child in me, the part of me that still doesn't want to grow up." The 36-year-old opthalmologist, who operates on cataracts during his day job, had actually wanted to become a marine biologist, but parental and peer pressure sent him instead to the University of the Philippines' med school. "Well, it helped that I was also interested in the intricacies of the human eye." He became a doctor in 1992, but it took a while before his parents, and a toxic class schedule, allowed him to take diving lessons. For a time, Ang had to content himself with keeping aquariums at home, "but they didn't have the same oomph as seeing the animals in the wild. It was so unnatural!" Finally he got his open water certification in 1997, on the pretext that he was on a medical mission. After a year of diving Anilao and Puerto Galera, the eye doctor got restless and took a basic photography course with instructor Chep Uytiepo. Soon after, he met premiere Pinoy underwater lensman Gutsy Tuason, who became a mentor of sorts. "That guy taught me everything I know!"



These days, Ang carts around a complete Nikonos system and a Nexus master housing and accessories. He has photographed turtles in Sipadan, whale sharks in the Maldives, and giant mantas in Thailand; as we go to print, he's off to dive the Red Sea. Although Ang claims to know "nothing!" about art other than the basics of photographic principles, his stunning compositions have been published in Asian Diver, Philippine Diver and the prestigious Lonely Planet dive guides, and will soon be featured in his first solo exhibit at the Epson Showroom at SM Megamall this July. Still, Ang has absolutely no plans of going pro. "The only thing keeping my passion for this alive is the fact that I don't have to do this for a living. If I turn this into work, it won't be the same."

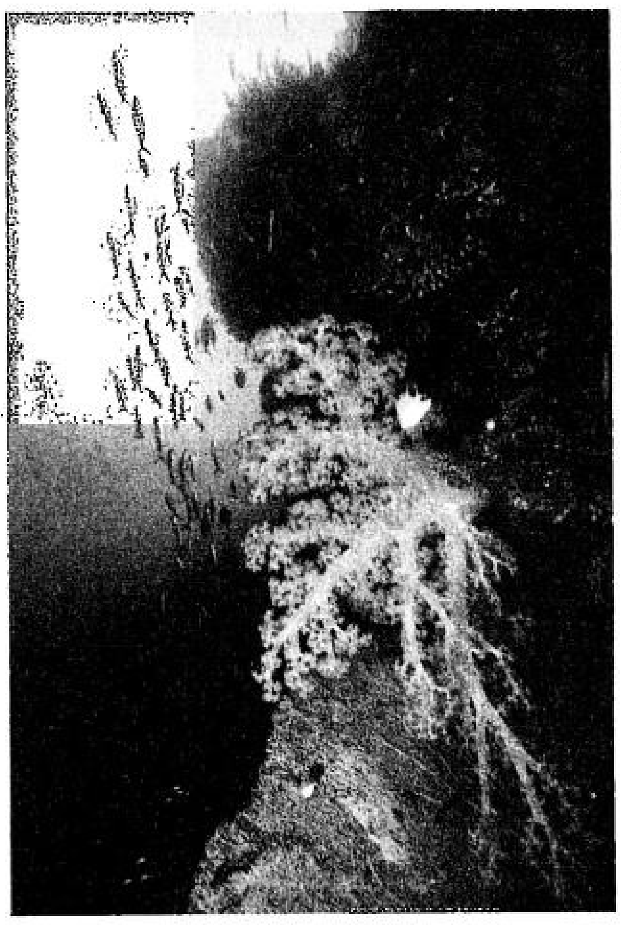
What makes a good photograph?

A good picture is one that speaks to you on a level that only you, the one who took the photograph, can understand. I don't really care what other people say. It's something I know in my heart and soul.

What about the shot that got away?

There are so many shots that have gotten away from me, but the nice thing about diving is that you always get a second chance, and a third, and a fourth. Maybe it's God's way of saying, okay, you deserve this now. Diving is always such a humbling experience. I used to be so depressed if I missed a shot, but now I know that it either works or it doesn't. The time will come.

Alya B. Honasan



Immersed: Ang all geared up, above; green turtle, Sipadan Malaysia, far left; corals in Puerto Galera, left

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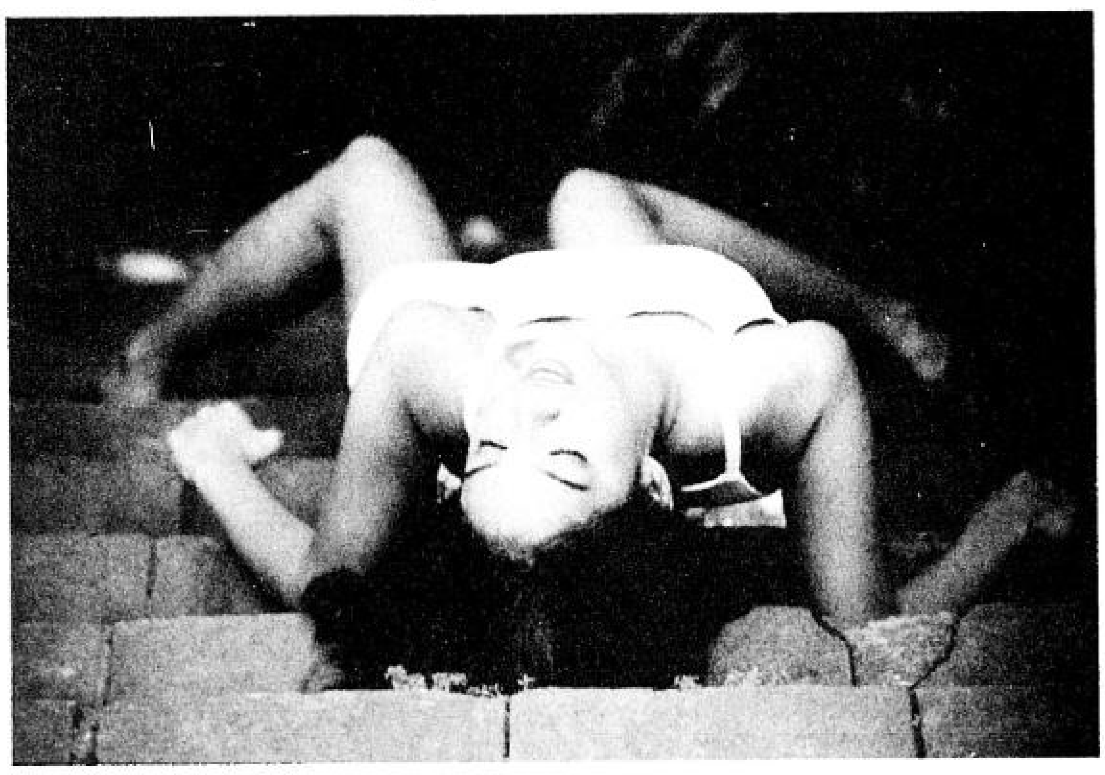
Eddie Boy Escudero: Hooked on the Moment



ALTHOUGH he turned pro only in 1996, Eddie Boy Escudero has been fortunate enough to retain the amateur's unbridled enthusiasm for the camera arts. For the self-confessed "wedding photographer," photography started out as a hobby that somehow turned into a consuming passion and slowly took over his life.

Before the camera bug bit him, Escudero was in the music business, managing bands such as Something Special and Rizal Underground. He bought his first camera on a tour of Singapore, and started out taking publicity shots of his bands for press releases and album covers. He began taking his camera everywhere, documenting the emerging alternative music and rave scenes and taking portraits of musicians, friends and his favorite subject, women.

In 1992 he joined the Zone V camera club and, as he puts it, "got totally hooked on photography." He started taking photographs at friends' weddings. Old friend Larry Leviste took notice and asked him to shoot for Asian Bride magazine. This led to assignments for the Sunday INQUIRER Magazine and Metro Magazine.

Escudero finally quit band management in 1996 to become a full-time professional photographer. He is now one of Manila's busiest wedding photographers.

Beauty and the Beast: Patricia Javier, top, and Joey "Pepe" Smith, above

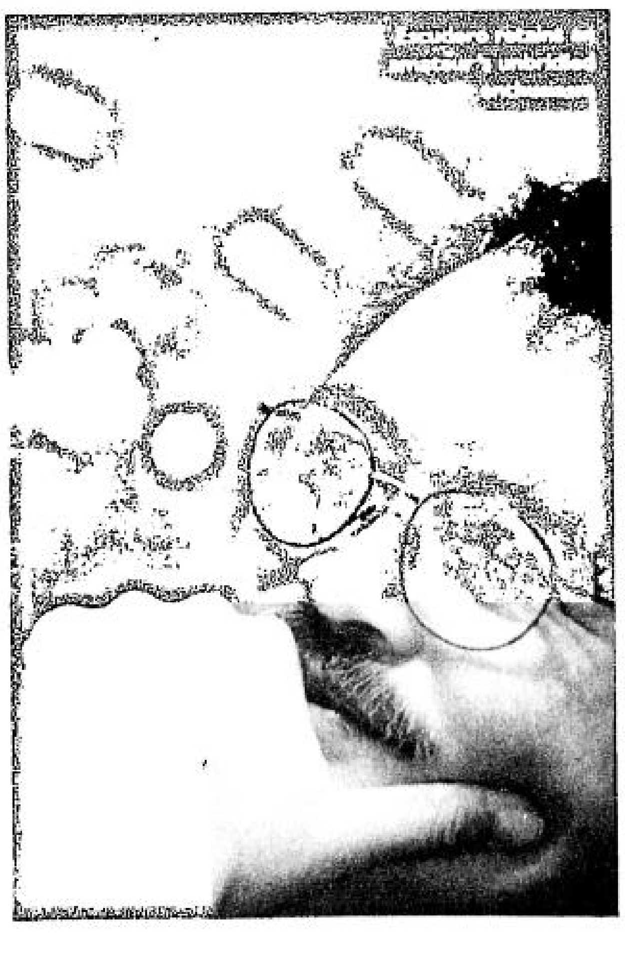
What makes a good photograph?

One that grabs me, even if it broke all the rules. Photography is a hobby and I don't just like shooting pics, I love looking at them—not just mine, anybody's. And there are tons of great photographs out there!

What about the shot that got away?

Imagine seeing an elephant in the streets of Quezon City, and I didn't have a camera to document that unbelievable moment. That was the one, for sure! There have been so many more. I realized this when I started to shoot weddings. It is absolutely impossible to capture every photographic moment that you see. But I still find pleasure in the fact that I saw that particular moment.

Eric S. Caruncho



Romy

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Sports gave Romy his first nomination for the prestigious Pulitzer Prize. Covering the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Romy's image of sprinters Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis squaring off in their controversial 100-meter duel was adjudged one of the best photos of that year.

While he has covered sports and politics, he also entered the war zones of the world. In due course, Romy covered the Khmer Rouge conflict in Cambodia, the Gulf War in Kuwait and the US-led attack on Afghanistan. Being shot at is a danger that all dedicated photojournalists face, and Romy knew this from the very beginning. In 1987, he first came under fire during a coup attempt against then President Aquino. Last year, he switched from Kandahar to Tora Bora because the coalition was facing fierce Taliban resistance in the mountains. Instead of slings and arrows, Romy has had to face tracers and rocket-propelled grenades. His image of an Afghan fighter's silhouette earned him a Time Magazine cover and his second Pulitzer nomination.

Out in the field, Romy is all business, his face tight, eyes alert and beard wiry, trademark scarf around his neck. Sitting in his suburban Quezon City home, features relaxed and neck bare, he is surrounded by the sounds of everyday family life as his three children with wife Nida—Sabrina, 16, Bianca, 12, and Suleiman, 7—go about their day. "The time I went to the Gulf War, my wife wasn't prepared for it and I would get calls from her where she's crying and telling me it's dangerous," Romy explains. "I told her that my assignment wasn't done yet because the war wasn't over yet. I think she now understands the risks that go with being a journalist." He does say that it helps that his wife is very religious. "It helps when I know my family, relatives and friends pray for me."

He had no idea that he was being sent to Iraq until four days before his scheduled departure. "The message came and was urgent so I just had to finish whatever I was doing," he says. He prepared by doing rigorous physical exercises and prepared himself mentally by always having an exit plan in a worst-case scenario.

He left for Iraq on February 28 and became the only Filipino to be embedded, in this case with the US Army's Third Infantry Battalion—"so it really was the tip of the spear, front line *talaga*." Attired just like an army regular, Romy got to see the advantage of the program: "You got to report on soldiers preparing for war up close, as an insider rather than looking from the outside." There is a drawback, though: "You're not to divulge any plan of action and you're not to identify the soldiers in the pictures." Romy spent 41 days embedded with the Americans before spending 21 more days in Baghdad once the city was liberated.

Staying alive on a battlefield is all about keeping your wits about you. "I always analyze the situation in terms of my personal safety. You can be competitive but never reckless." There is one gift that comes with ex-

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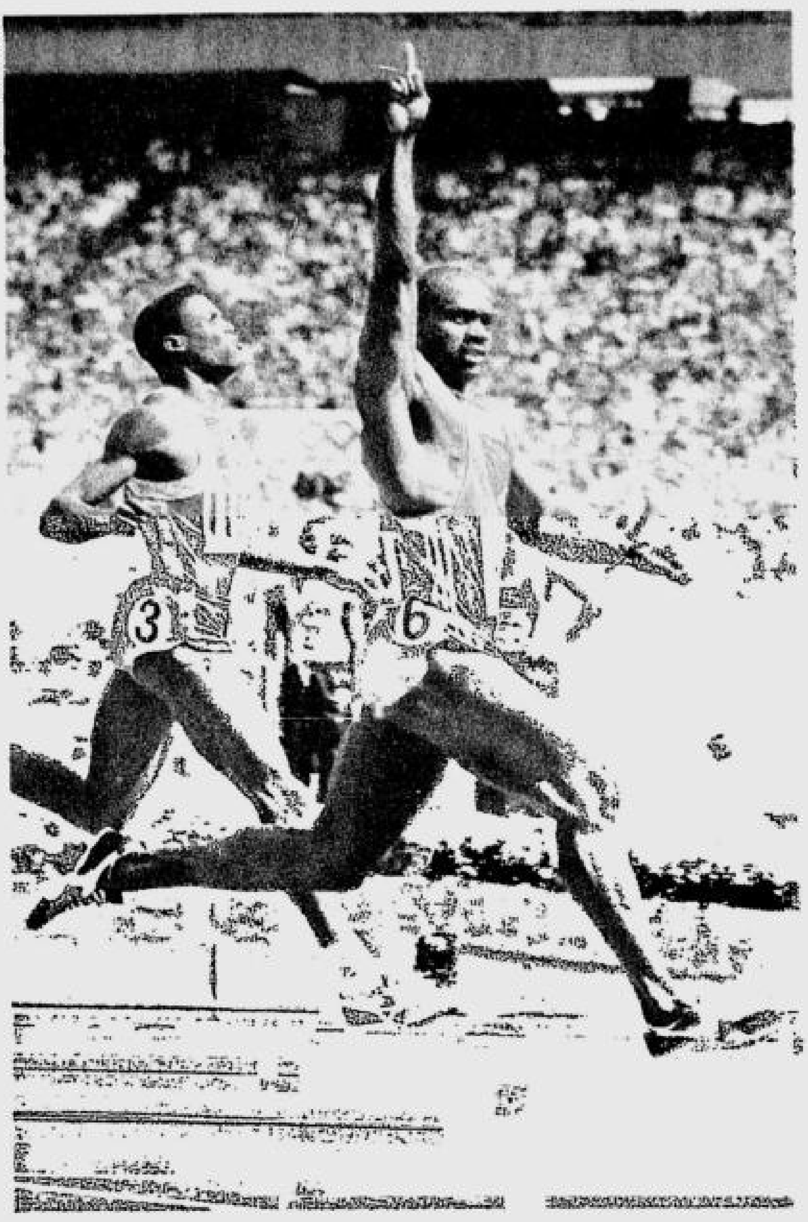

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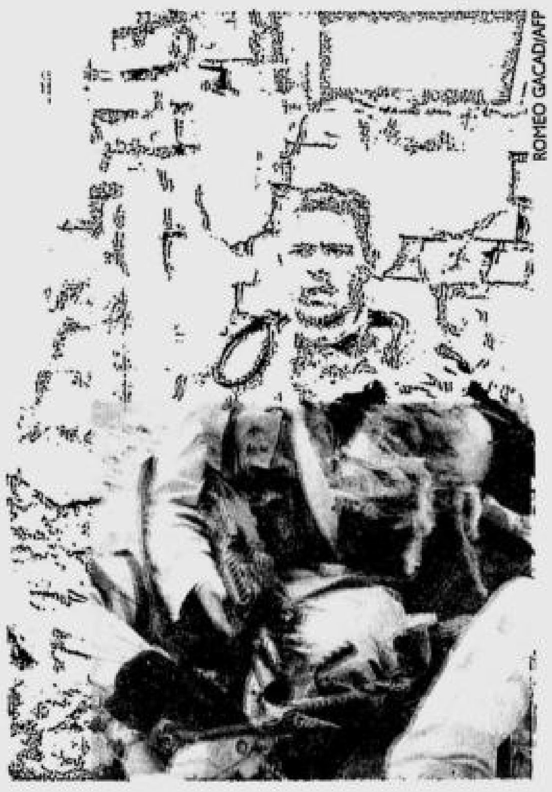
Pulitzer-worthy: Romy's images of Ben Johnson in Seoul, far left, and his Time Magazine cover of a mujaheddin in Afghanistan earned him two nominations

The drama of war: a US soldier removes his helmet after an overnight battle in Baghdad



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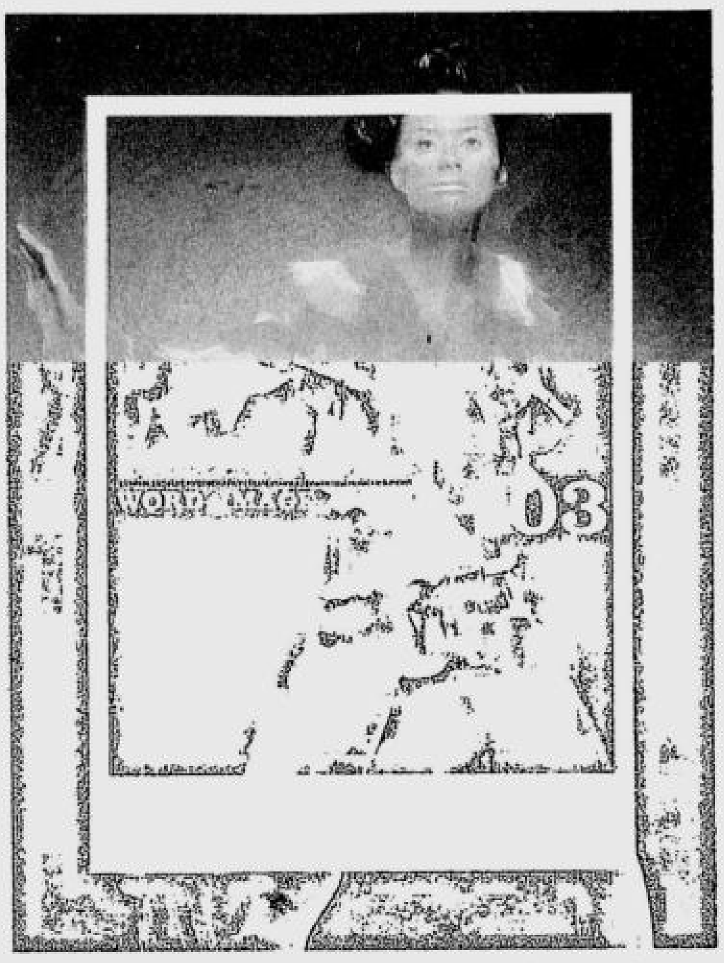
Xander Angeles:

Shooting on the Edge

CHITO VECINA

He's got the look, as Angeles proves in these high-fashion calendar spreads

LONG before the recent brouhaha over his provocative pictures of boldie Aubrey Miles, which were pulled out of their original exhibition venue, Xander Angeles has been testing the limits of fashion and portrait photography with some of the most unabashedly sexy shots in the business. The University of Santo Tomas Fine Arts graduate actually began wielding a camera to document the activities of his college mountaineering club. He went the route of the photographer's assistant and freelancer before opening his studio, Edge of Light, three years ago. He credits Preview Magazine's former editor Leah Puyat with giving him the big break, and allowing him to indulge in the "edgy, avant-garde stuff" that the 28-year-old Angeles has become known for. "I like using lots of filtered light for my fashion shoots," he says, and those shoots have since seen light in every major glossy magazine in town, from Metro and People Asia to FHM and Mega.



Given the choice, he'd rather point his lens at people any day. "I like collaborating with them, see what they can do, what they can give for the sake of image-making. It's nice to see people working together and having fun producing images. It's the interaction that draws me."

When he's not working, Angeles spends time at the computer and dabbles in making music videos; he's done a few for Virgin EMI records and for the bands Slapshock and True Faith. He also plays doting daddy to "my two beautiful kids," Asha and Edge. As for *l'affaire* Aubrey, don't write off those steamy shots just yet. "I'm still trying to find another venue for the exhibit," Angeles reveals. "It was just bad timing, because the MTRCB has a new head. The exhibit wasn't part of the movie publicity for 'Xerex,' it just so happened that the movie was being promoted at the same time. The people who managed the venue knew what they were doing. They didn't find the photos offensive." Let's see how far Angeles can take it this time.

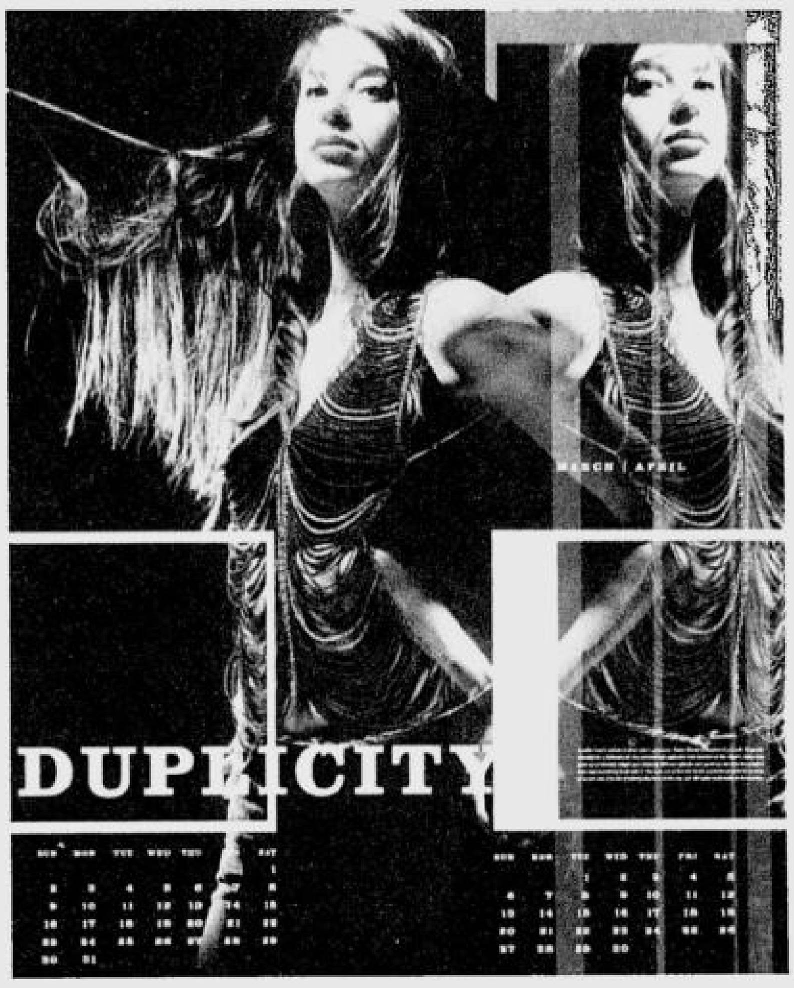
What makes a good photograph?

It really depends on the viewer of the photo. What might be good for me might not be so for others. There are no rules; it really depends on how you feel about it. There are images that are technically good, with good lighting, and sharp, high contrast. But then again, there are images that are blurry, low-contrast and with almost no color, but they convey such feelings and emotions. Both can be considered good work.

What about the shot that got away?

That's more of a problem for photojournalists, not me.

Alya B. Honasan



Lilen Uy:

A Lucky Detour

Scouting for a shot: Uy at work; two of her fashion shots, below

SHE came into photography by sheer happenstance. Lilen Uy needed to fill up some missing units in Communication Arts at the Ateneo and decided to take ace photographer Pancho Escaler's basic photography class. She got hooked for life.

"For the rest of the semester, I would stay in the library, browsing through whatever photo books I could find, and there weren't a lot," she recalls.

Inspired by the works of Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ansel Adams and Robert Frank, Lilen decided to pursue Fine Arts at the San Francisco Art Institute and followed this up with a degree in commercial photography at the Brooks Institute.

After working briefly as a freelance assistant in New York, she accepted an offer to work in Singapore as a commercial photographer. "I stayed for nine years," she says. "I consider that my big break because someone actually trusted me enough to give me a job!"

From there, Lilen jumped into photojournalism as news and features photographer at The Singapore Straits Times. A job at a publishing house, editorial work in some entertainment rags and a teaching stint in photography further honed her skills. She came home in 1999 and has been doing work for the local glossies and advertising. "Ninety-nine percent of what I do involves photographing people, although I do enjoy taking shots of cats, food and places, as well."

What makes a good photograph?

I'm not sure there's such a thing as a perfect picture, but I consider three elements to be essential: sincerity, point of view and possibilities.

What about the shot that got away?

Too many! Often the best got away because of laziness.

Pennie Azarcon dela Cruz

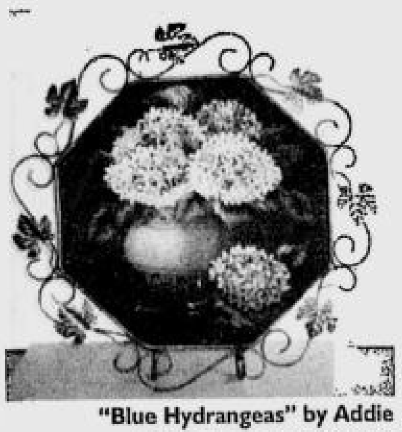
This Week

Art

Alan Rivera presents his **Virtual Lanscapes. Spirit of the Zen. The Second** at the Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati until June 25.

Windows Into Heaven features a representative selection of Russian icons that may possibly be one of the best that can be found in Asia, until June 30 at the Catwalk Gallery of the Metropolitan Museum, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Floral Splendor, a solo exhibit by Addie Sycip Cukingnan featuring floral subjects on wrought-iron plates from June 15-30 at the Renaissance Art Gallery, The Artwalk, SM Megamall A. For details, call 637-3101.



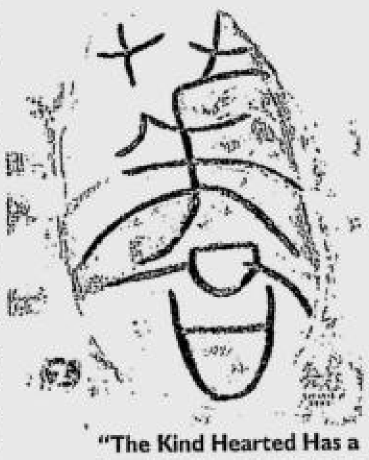
"Blue Hydrangeas" by Addie Cukingnan, on exhibit at Renaissance Art Gallery

R M de Leon unveils his Diary series in a show titled **Unexhibited Works** at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall A Level 4 from June 17-29.

Auspicious Art, Lizanne Uychaco's exhibit featuring paintings of traditional and modern abstract Chinese seal scripts and zen. The exhibit marks the opening of the Art Elements Asian Gallery at Rockwell Power Plant this month.

Music

The Manila Philharmonic Orchestra will open its new concert season with **Music & Life** on June 21 at the Philamlife Theater. The MPO concert series will run from August 2003 to February 2004 and will feature pop songs in new arrangements as well as delightful performances by guest artists Bituin Escalante, Nolyn Cabahug, Raul Sunico, Lani Misalucha and Cecile Licad. For inquiries, call 526-9250/72.



"The Kind Hearted Has a Long Life," on view at Art Elements Asian Gallery

Praia de Ipanema Bar in Eastwood City Walk assembles Manila's top acoustic artists in a back-to-school gig **Back to Eskwela Ipanema** featuring Jimmy Bondoc on Monday nights, Essence Band on Tuesday nights, Make Your Momma Proud on Wednesdays and Paolo Santos on June 19 and 26. For inquiries, call 421-7764 to 65.

June performers at Siete Pecados Live: Kislev takes centerstage on Mondays, Music Making Co every Tuesday; Etcetera band on Wednesdays, Family Cruz Band and Band@Work on Thursdays, Etcetera and XOP on Fridays, Illustra and Hip 2 Soul every Saturday. Show starts at 8 p.m. For inquiries, call The Westin Philippine Plaza at 551-5555 ext. 1231.

Onstage

Concert Nights at the Old Walls series presents the Lahing Kayumanggi dance group on June 21. On June 28, get a glimpse of the lives of National Artists Atang dela Rama and Amado V. Hernandez in a play titled "Atang and Amado: *Nang Mabasag ang Banga*." Performances start at 6 p.m. at the Pueblo Pilipino, VPY Clamshell Tent, Anda cor. Sta. Lucia Streets, Intramuros, Manila. Admission is free.

Cinema

pelikula@titusbrandsma will feature "I Shot Andy Warhol" by Mary Harron, "French Twist" by Josiane Bolasko and "Taboo" by Nagisa Oshima on June 21 at 1 p.m. at Titus Brandsma Center (24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City). For details, call 726-7763 (Jofti) or 751-1169 (Maxie).

Food

Super Bowl of China, a leading Chinese casual dining restaurant, now delivers to your homes, offices and social and business gatherings. Relish your favorite Super Bowl of China fare like assorted dimsums, barbecue and roasts, soup, rice toppings, seafood, chicken, beef and pork main dishes and desserts. Delivery is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a minimum purchase of P250. Call 737-8888 to check on availability of other locations.

Outback Restaurant (Libis, Glorietta IV and Alabang Town Center) features the "boomerang" dishes which keep guests coming back for more. Leading the pack is Kookaburra Wings, then there's the King's Canyon Pork, the Boomerang Steak, Canberra Hamburger Steak, Walhalla Pasta, the top-selling North Atlantic Salmon and Chocolate Thunder from Down Under for dessert.

The **Richmonde Hotel** prepares a grand luncheon celebration especially for the man of the house on Father's Day. Consisting of choice seafood fare, the buffet table showcases a parade of delectable appetizers, steaming soup starters, main dish selections, lamb and prawn dish, salad bar and desserts. For inquiries, call 638-7777.

Bring the whole family to celebrate Father's Day at the Heritage Hotel's Restaurant Riviera for a sumptuous lunch or dinner buffet. There will also be a cooking contest, **Pop Can Cook**, wherein Dad gets a chance to demonstrate his culinary skill. Ten fathers will be chosen as contestants through a draw lot. They will be led by the master chef in showing the proper way to prepare a dish. For inquiries, call 854-8888 loc. 7355.

Pop Can Cook contest is part of Heritage Hotel's Father's Day celebration

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Sign up for one of the writing classes being offered by The Girly Library. **Writing for Magazines** is four-part course that will teach you everything from generating story ideas to closing a deal with editors. The short course on **Creative Writing** will tackle various techniques in fiction writing and how to up the chances of your story seeing print. Each course will run for four Saturdays beginning June 21. Writing for Magazines will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and Creative Writing will be from 2-5 p.m to be held at Pioneer Highlands, Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong. Fee is P4,500 for 12 hours. For details, call 535-3343, 747-9860, or 0916-4876636.

JS Basic Creative Workshop is inviting all women with artistic interests to join the **Amateur Painters Club.** Sessions are held in San Juan. For details, call 724-2366.

The Alcove Photo Gallery introduces digital photography through the workshop **Digital Family Pictures: How To Take Family Pictures Like a Pro** facilitated by Rafael Castillo on June 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Reading Room of the Filipinas Heritage Library. For more details, call 892-1801.

Introduction to the Enneagram, Unraveling the Secrets of Personality with Fr. Jose Ma. De Leon (June 19, 20, 23 and 24 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). **Express Yourself experiential workshop** by Dorota Owen. Does speaking in public scare you? (June 25 and 27) at 9 a.m. to 1pm. The workshops will be held at In-Touch Community Services, 48-A McKinley Rd. Makati. For details, call 893-7606 and 810-6233.

Spend time with Dad at **Tropicana Apartment Hotel** in Malate, Manila with its great value rates not only on Father's Day but also for the whole month of June. Enjoy Tropicana's newly refurbished one- or two-bedroom suites while Dad gets his dose of relaxation at the hotel's health and fitness facilities. For reservations, call 525-5555.

New Day Publishers is holding a **month-long book sale** in celebration of the National Book Month. Bookworms can choose from a wide array of scholastic books on church ministry, local history, ethnology, child psychology, and organizational development penned by eminent authors. For light reading, there are cookbooks, how-to and feel-good books, books on humor, inspiration, reflection and spiritual nurture. There are also comic strip compilations by noted newspaper cartoonists. Book sale runs from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the New Day office at 11 Lands St., Visayas Avenue, Quezon City.

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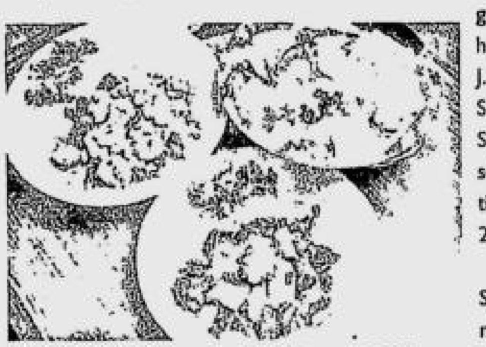
All **short-term seminars and workshop organizers** are invited to hold their venue at 713 J. Abad Place, located in San Juan near Wilson Street, Greenhills. For scheduling and information, call Gina at 724-2366.



A feast of Chinese dishes from Super Bowl of China

The Malate Catholic School Girls' Department Class 70 will hold a grand reunion in 2005. Concerned parties are requested to contact Shalimar Barzaga (0920-9043855), Arsenia Ward (0919-8605696) or email Susan Reynaldo-Hall at kumusta_kana@yahoo.com.

Festival Supermall at Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang celebrates five years with a string of events and customer rewards. Lucky diners at the Food Junction, Level 1 can win sure prizes with its "Eat's a Sure-Prize" promo until June 29. A minimum single purchase worth P100 at any outlet entitles customers to pick a prize at the promo booth. On Father's Day, Dads can enjoy Balloon Twister moments with their kids as balloon sculptures are free with every P50 food purchase at any outlet at the Food Junction from 12 to 1 p.m. or one Fairy's Wheel ride at Pixie Forest from 2-4 p.m.

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Enjoy the revelry of the ***Parada ng Lechon*** on June 24, feast of the St. John the Baptist in Balayan, Batangas. The fiesta will start on June 18 with a marathon, open singing contest, cycling, "Hads Dance Revolution and variety shows. Those who want to join may call Adams Express Travel (521-1651/98). The full-day excursion includes a sumptuous buffet of Batangas specialties on Lake Taal and visits to the apparition site in Carmel, Lipa and Calaruega in Tagaytay.

Moro filmmaker Gutierrez Mangansakan II's new documentary **"A Boat in Deep Waters"** will have a special preview at the Dugukan Gallery of the Matina Town Square in Davao City on June 20, 7 p.m. The documentary recounts the history of Moro women in the last 100 years. The documentary is produced by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). For details, call Abe Garcia at 0916-4570815.

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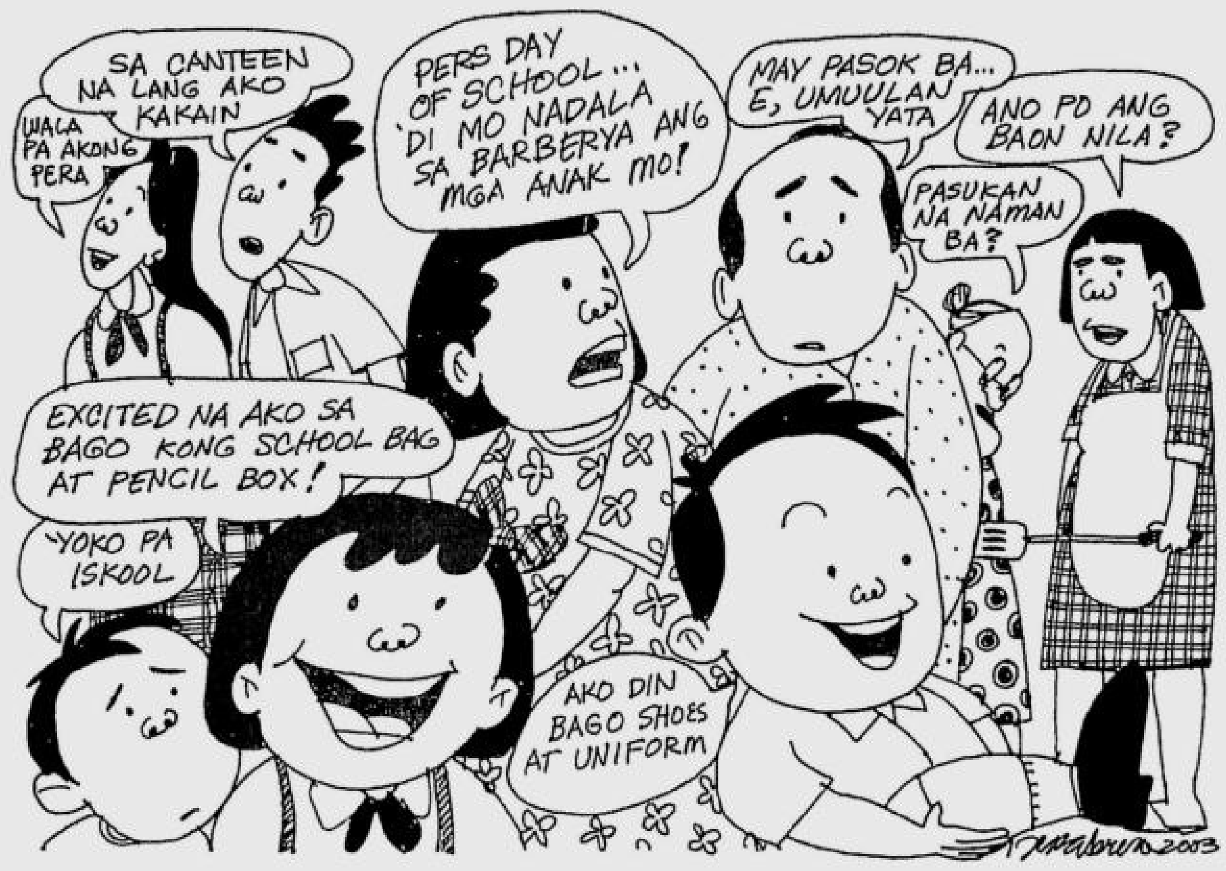
Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

First Day of School



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Romy

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perience under fire, though. "You learn that the photo isn't worth your life. When you're an experienced war photographer, you begin to acquire this inner instinct, this sense of whether you're in danger or not."

Many of the soldiers he met were so young, Romy smiles, that they often addressed him as "sir," as most of the grunts had never been under fire, while he had covered conflict before. "Being a Pinoy was helpful because some of the men in my unit had been to the Philippines, and so it was easy to connect," he explains. "It also helps because we're resilient in that kind of a front line situation. The sense of humor helps a lot, especially during dangerous moments. Some of them asked me how I feel about the war, and I was honest and told them I would have preferred that the United Nations continued first. I was transparent with them, and they respected that."

It isn't the hardware like the Apaches or the Bradleys that Romy zooms in on. Instead, he zeroes in "on the drama of the event, the human side. Yes, they were soldiers, but you show how they're persons beyond the uniforms, the pain of being separated from their families." He also considers it a learning experience. "It's a totally different culture, and knowing the history and the people is one of the satisfactions that come with covering conflict."

Still, Romy was very relieved to finally come home to Manila on May 18, and had to spend some time "decompressing." "You have to re-grow your roots, spend time with your family and go back to your normal routine, being a normal person again, being away from the bloody scenes, being in a place where your mind is at peace. That's how war changes you."

These days, Romy relaxes by taking photos as a normal father, capturing images of his daughter in ballet class. He's looking forward to doing photographic work on other topics now, such as people with AIDS, for example, new issues to bring to light. "I would like to follow stories of people in tribes or doing environmental stories, because it's about changing people's attitudes." Even in the heat of battle, he remains the perfectionist, something, he says, that links his two seemingly unrelated Pulitzer-nominated photos: "I have so much patience and take so much time to get the image. Simplicity also helps a lot in delivering the image of wars. In sports, it's the same, something like 80 percent preparation and 20 percent luck."

Though he's planning to put together a book on his Iraqi sojourn, he seems to have had enough of war. "I don't want to cover war my whole life, but I do respect the people who continue to do so." During the recent Iraqi campaign, 14 journalists lost their lives, but that isn't all that makes Romy think about his vocation. "Being a combat photographer changes the way you see things. You see dead Iraqi people, children with bullet holes. You realize that life is really precious. This is not a movie, it's the real thing." He also knows that the more you cover conflict, the closer you get to danger. "This war might be my last war, but it's difficult to say no, as a professional photographer, when you get offered the rare opportunity. I'll shoot as long as I can keep shooting—but I'll be more careful."

Ever the professional, Romy knows it's all about the job. "War just breaks your heart, and every war you cover gives you the opportunity to study the conflict and educate people about it. It's not about personal gratification. It's more important that people look at my images and, if they get my message, I get a sense of fulfillment." And then Romeo Gacad pauses, and for a moment, it's completely quiet. He is safe at home—and everything's all right.

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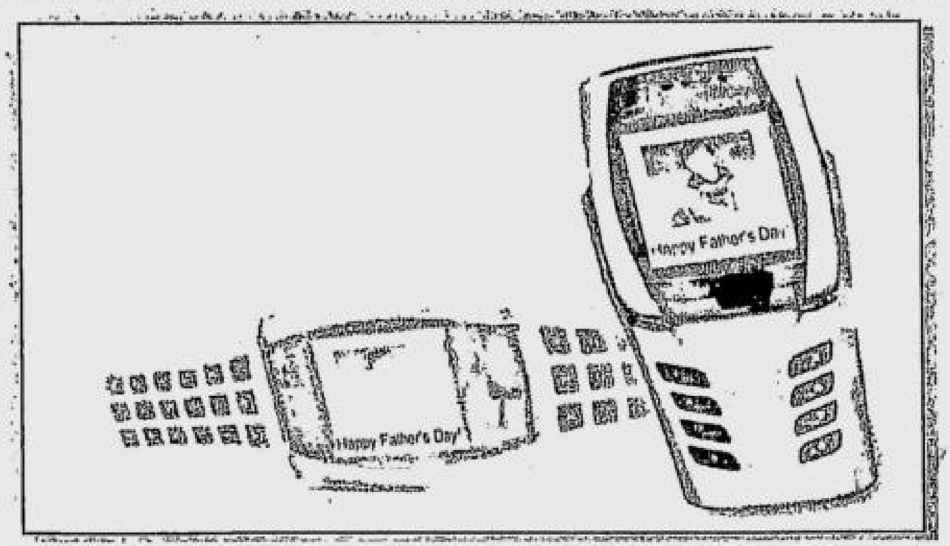

Show dad how much he means to you with phones like the Nokia 6800, free on Globe's G-Match Plan. This phone will let dad keep photos of his beloved kids always close to his heart.

We usually see them in the sidelines, where they prefer to be. We often overlook the fact that they play one of the most important roles in our lives and yet they continue to essay their part unselfishly. Though a lot of their efforts to show their love for us go unnoticed, it is never too late to show them our appreciation.

Globe Handyphone gives an exclusive blowout for dads with the perfect gift just in time for Father's Day: ultracool handsets which come FREE with a G-Plan! Techno-savvy dads will surely appreciate the wide array of technologically enhanced phones that suit dad's strong yet loving character like the Nokia 6800, Nokia 3650, Panasonic GD88, Nokia 7250 and the TREO 270.

The Nokia 6800 is visually stimulating with its efficient and unique design. It combines remarkable features like SynchML compatibility to synchronize personal data remotely over the network, GPRS and WAP browser, Java compatibility, SMS and MMS functions, polyphonic ringtones, integrated FM radio, hands-free speaker.

If dad is into photography, he'll definitely appreciate handy camera-phones like the Nokia 3650, Panasonic GD88 and the Nokia 7250. These phones have built-in digital cameras that can aid dad in taking pictures whenever he feels like it. He can also enjoy the other features these phones offer like WAP and GPRS wireless technology, SMS, polyphonic and MMS functions.

The TREO 270 is ideal for fathers who want to combine the functions of his PDA and his handset. Its appealing features include colored screen, built-in backlit keyboard, speakerphone, full-featured PDA and GPRS browser that keeps dad updated on business trends.

Your Dad will surely be at the top of his game with a G-Max Plan that boasts 650 free text messages and 750 free call minutes. The G-Max Plan also comes with a Hi-Memory SIM with a capacity of 300 phonebook entries of his office contacts and save 65 messages in his phone's inbox.

You may also avail of other exciting handsets on a discounted price when you subscribe to other G-Plans, under the New Subscription, Family Values Package or Switch to Globe.

So surprise your dad with a rare gift that he'll surely be thankful for by rushing to Globe Telecom Business Centers or the Hub stores to avail of these powerful handsets from June 15, 2003. Father's Day need not be a one-day event only just as a father's immeasurable love can never be contained. But now it's easier to show him how much you value his presence in your life, for with Globe Handyphone, the gift of connectivity speaks volumes.

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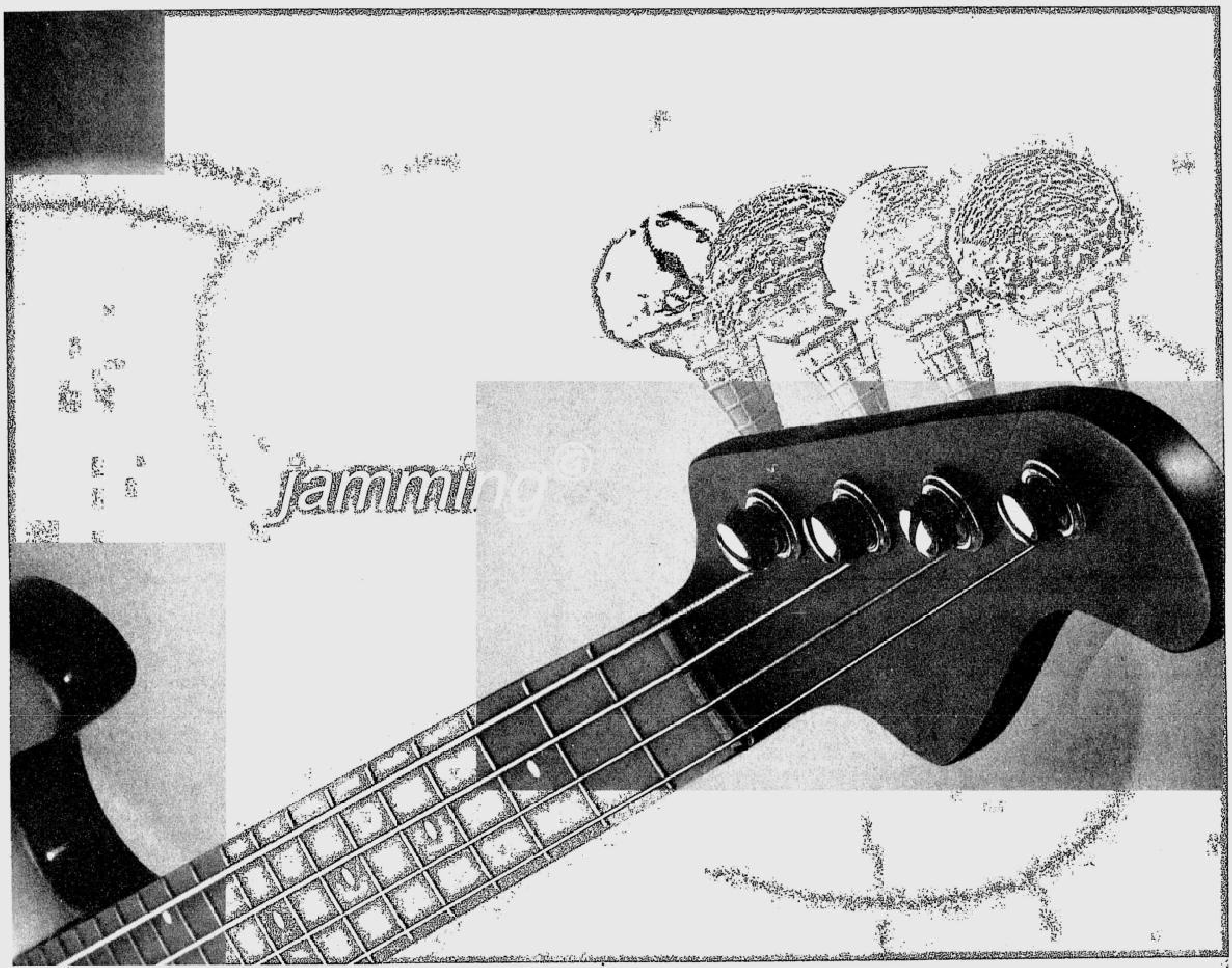

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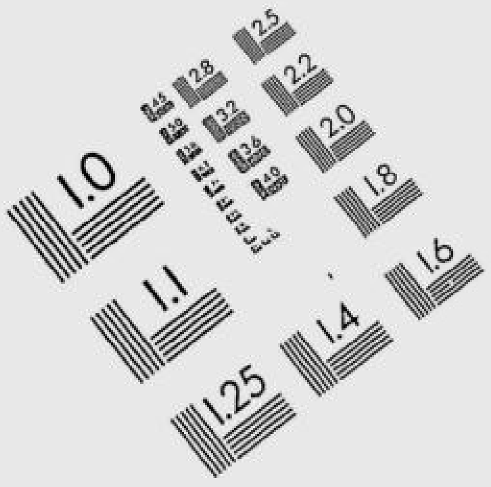
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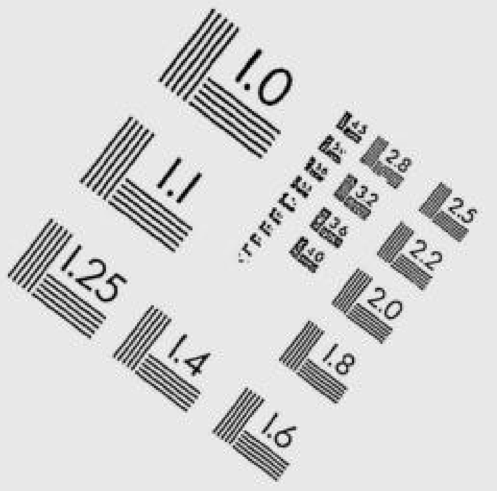
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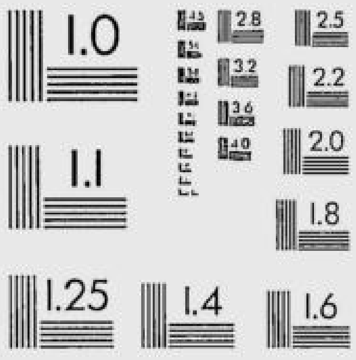
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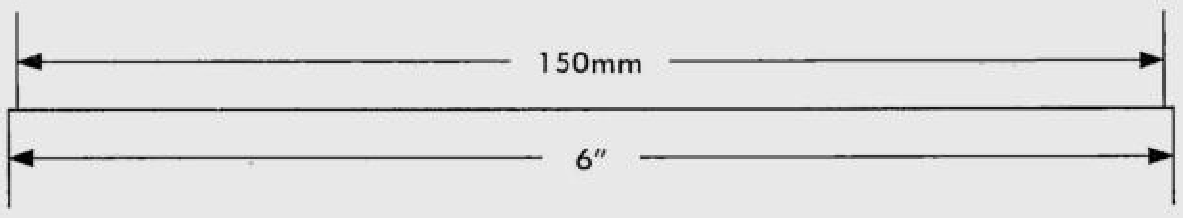

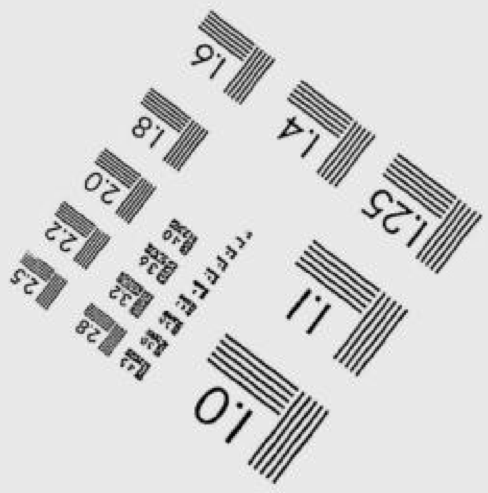
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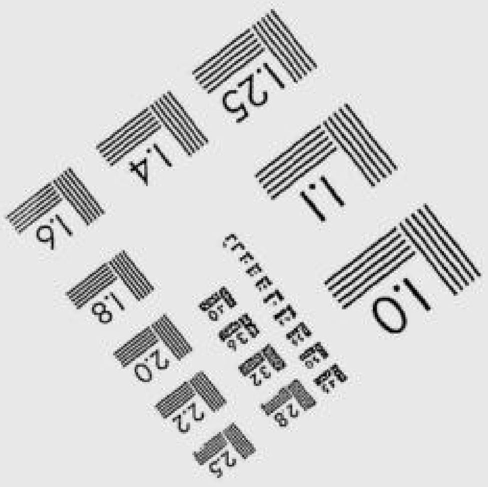
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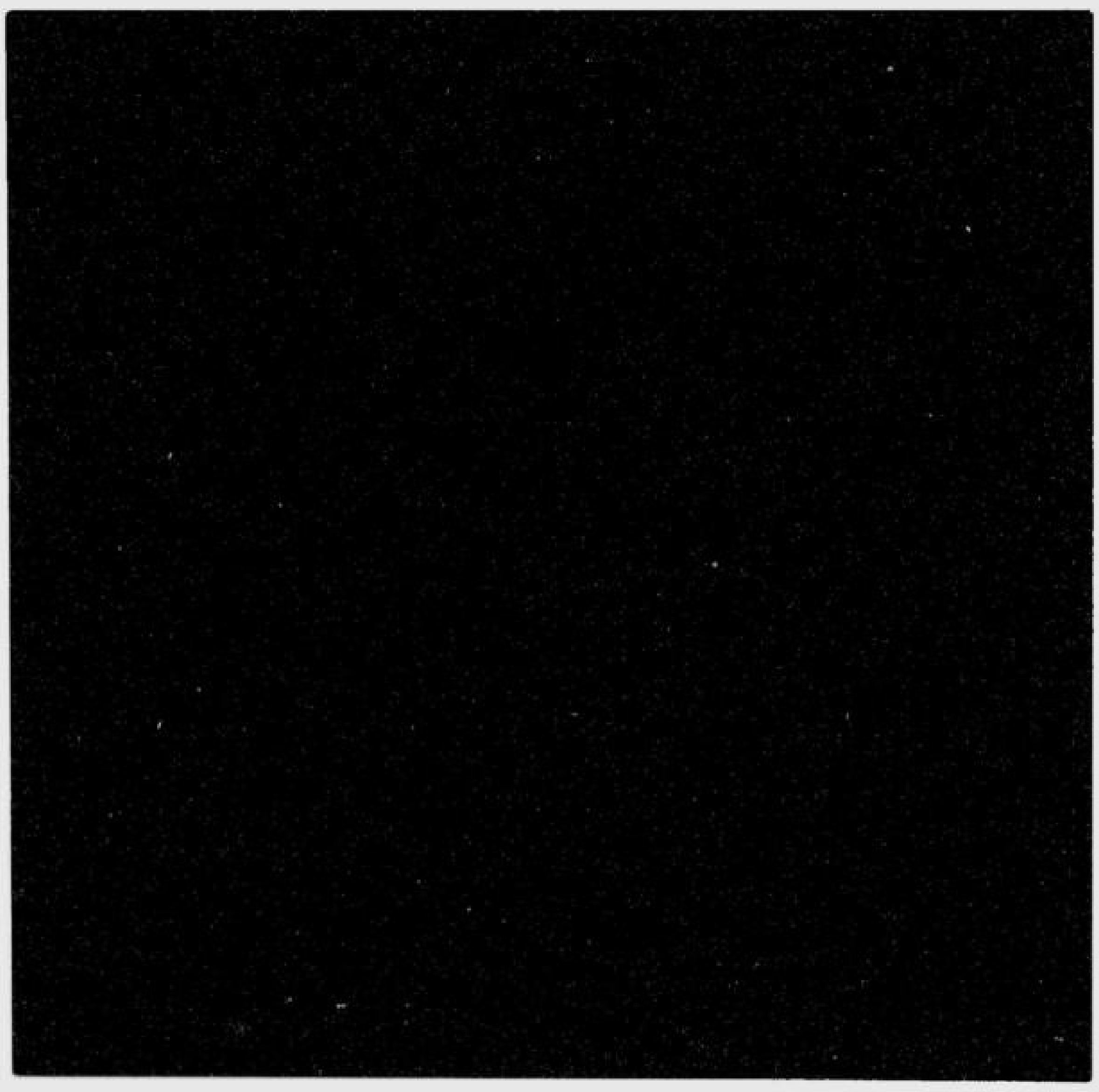

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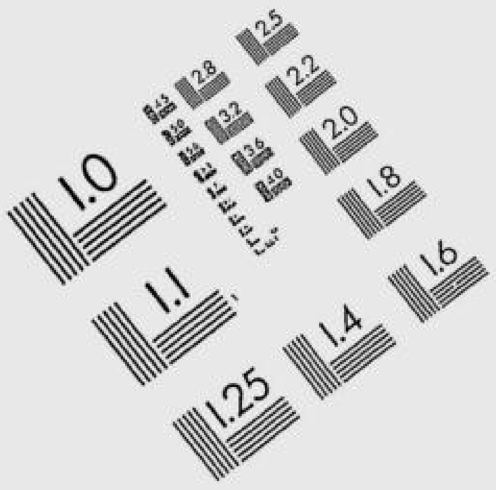
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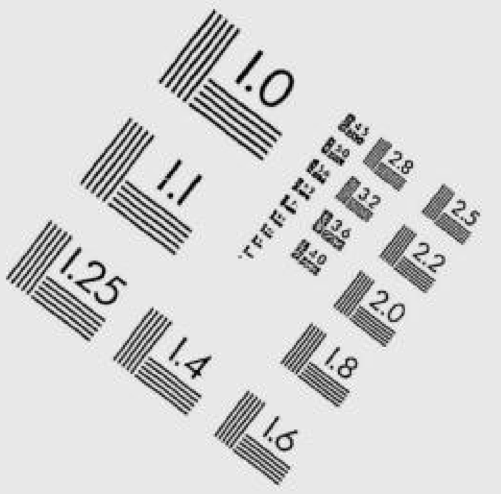
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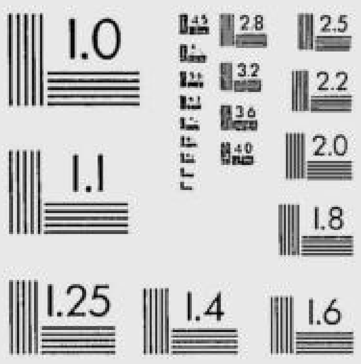
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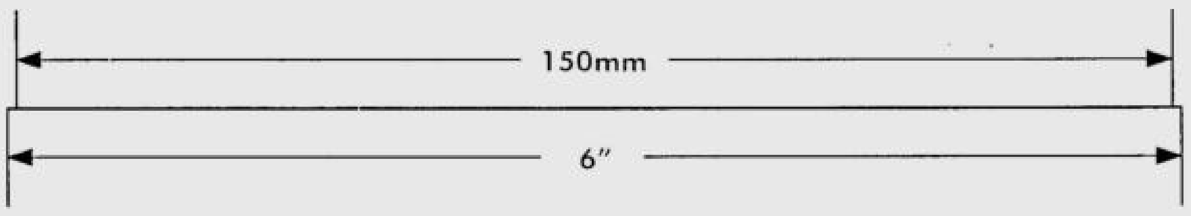

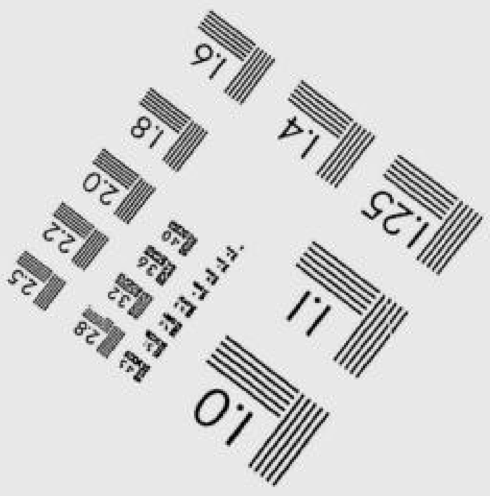
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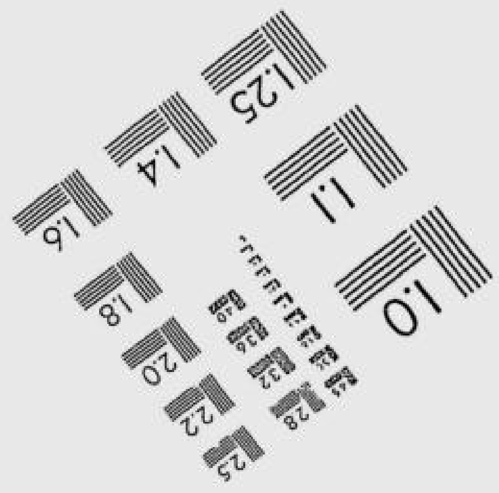
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